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DEADLOCK CONTINUES IN TRAM DISPUTE

Management maintains stand on arbitration BUS WORKERS MEET

There was no response from the Hong Kong Tramway Limited yesterday to the request of their locked-out workers for a resumption of talks.



Major General "Wild Bill" Donovan (right) and Major General Claire Chennault are shown at Kai Tak Airport yesterday. General Donovan who arrived in Hong Kong yesterday is expected to take part in General Chennault's legal claim to ownership of two Nationalist Airlines while in Hong Kong. "China Mail" Photo.

"Wild Bill" Donovan visits HK

Major General William Donovan, war-time chief of the U.S. Office of Strategic Services (OSS), arrived in the Colony yesterday for consultations with Major General Claire Chennault, who has recently bought over CNAC and CATC.

General Donovan was met by General Chennault and Mr. Whittington, CATC executives, at Kai Tak. The visitor declined to make any statement to the Press but said that he will give a press conference after he has seen General Chennault and Mr. Whittington.

CATC officials hinted that General Donovan is visiting Hong Kong mainly in connection with General Chennault's legal fight over CNAC and CATC. One official said that General Donovan will act in an advisory capacity to General Chennault's representatives in court.

Meanwhile, Associated Press reports from Manila that the Philippine Press broke out in a rash of speculative stories connecting General Donovan's visit to the Colony with the American policy review on Taiwan now reported under way in Washington.

Interviewed by newsmen in Manila, where he passed through on his way here from the United States, General Donovan avoided details.

He said: "My mission in Hong Kong is in the interest of the American people and democracy."

The request was sent in the form of a letter to the General Manager of the Company on Monday, in which the Tram Workers Union suggested the mediation of Government or prominent residents, in an endeavour to settle the dispute.

The Company explained that there was nothing new in the latest proposal from the workers: talk had taken place before, and the views of the two sides had been found to be irreconcilable. The only course open, as has already been proposed by the Company, was arbitration.

More than 1,000 tram workers gathered on the roof tops of their Union premises in Russell Street yesterday morning to hear from their Union officials the course they had adopted in seeking re-opening of negotiations with the management.

Down below, in Russell Street, the place was packed with workers as usual, but there was an air of disorder.

The Union officials told the workers that the matter was reported to the Commissioner of Labour, but enquiry at the Department elicited the information that neither side had made any approach for Government mediation.

Representatives of the bus workers of the China Motor Bus Company had another abortive conference yesterday as they pressed for reconsideration of their demand for a \$3-a-day extra allowance.

Reporting the result of the conference to a meeting of the day shift workers last night, the representatives said Mr. Ngan Shing-kwan, the Managing Director, again put off the matter of the extra allowance asked for pending clarification of the overall labour situation.

Extra pay

"Mr. Ngan, it was reported, expressed concern over the livelihood of the bus workers, and offered them, in recognition of the extra work imposed on them on account of the suspension of the tram service, extra pay for the duration of the suspension, but the amount of the extra pay was not mentioned."

When this offer was announced, speakers got up and said it was just a ruse to keep the bus workers at their job to give time to the Tramways Company to bend the tram workers into submission. It was clearly designed to split the ranks of labour, they charged.

However, there was clearly a discordant note at the meeting, and various speakers openly refuted the allegation of ulterior motive imputed to the Bus Company management.

Other speakers in the dissonant group urged caution and suggested that the bus workers should not make the first move, but should follow the lead of the other utility concerns, if any, strike is to be declared.

There were yet others who said stoppage of work would mean stoppage of income, and they would not be able to support their families, especially as the lunar New Year is at hand.

The chairman deplored these expressions of discord among workers, and said at this time when labour as a whole was fighting for a living wage, there should be unity in all ranks. Selfish interests and individual hardships should be subordinated to the general welfare of workers as a whole.

"Slaughter them"

When one speaker asked the meeting what they should do with people in their own ranks who were sabotaging the movement, there was a roar of "slaughter them."

However, despite these strong feelings among certain members, the meeting was adjourned without any action.

Tram workers dance the yangko



Representatives of the locked-out tramways workers performed the Chinese Communist dance, the yangko, outside the tramways depot in Russell Street last night. Top photo shows the group going through their routine while lower photo shows the leader of the group at the head of the column of dancers. The dancers wore red and green cloth headpieces and cloth streamers at their waists. They danced to the strains of a harmonica band, amplified through a loud-speaker from the Union's headquarters in Russell Street. "China Mail" Photo.

Three Shanghai firms to suspend operations

Three large Shanghai companies have decided to suspend operations by the middle of this month, private reports from the Northern metropolis revealed yesterday.

They are the American Express Company, Incorporated; the De La Rama Lines Incorporated and the Nederlandsche Indische Handelsbank.

The American Express received permission a few days ago to wind up their affairs, and are now packing.

The Dutch Bank indicated its desire to close several months ago, but was prevented by its Chinese staff from doing so. However, latest reports disclosed that the Communist authorities have given the Bank permission to close.

The Bank several months ago drew a large sum of money from abroad to pay off its staff. When closure was delayed there was trouble over this money since most staff members were reluctant to return. It is not known whether the bank will now have to underwrite another large sum, as was the case last time.

De La Rama Lines, whose head offices are in Manila, are understood to have appointed Butterfield and Swire as their Shanghai agents, when they go out of business.

Reports from Shanghai also said that heads of foreign-owned oil companies and banks are not being given exit visas but are required to stay behind to attend to mounting monthly payrolls in addition to bonus demands from the labour unions, now experiencing a new spate of power.

Many unemployed

Cost of living in terms of United States dollars is coming down, but the purchasing power of the population is dwindling as never before. No shops, stores, banks and business houses are making anywhere near their minimum overheads.

More than 40 per cent of Shanghai's population, these reports said, is now out of work. The unemployed members of the community are living on starvation pay which will keep them alive a few months more. No one has any idea how the situation will evolve, least of all the authorities.

Communism is growing almost worthless and there is some talk of social reform.

Civil defence bill in PI introduced

Manila, January 3. The Philippines Government was asked in a bill filed with the Senate today to create immediately a Civil Defence Organisation in view of the "imminence of World War Three."

In a statement attached to the bill, which would appropriate 10,000,000 pesos (US\$5,000,000) for the proposed Civil Defence Organisation, Senator Enrique B. Magalona, of Negros Occidental said the Philippines, as the "outpost of democracy" in the Far East, are in an exposed position. He said the defence treaty with the United States and the location of American bases here made the islands liable to become a target of atomic bombs and germ warfare in the early stages of another world conflict.

Senator Magalona pointed out the proximity of Communist-controlled China to the Philippine islands. He said that it was known that dissidents already within the country are "emissaries of Communist Russia in sinister design to Communise the whole world."

Senator Magalona did not name the dissidents, but it was generally understood he was referring to the Hukbalahaps and to a few Chinese in the Philippines known to be sympathetic to the Red regime in their homeland.

Robels Surrender

Meanwhile, sixteen followers of rebel leader Francisco Medrano followed their chief's example today by surrendering to the Constabulary in Batangas, adds a United Press despatch.

They came to the Constabulary headquarters in Batangas after they had been contacted by Medrano and high officers of the Constabulary assigned to assist Medrano in contacting his men.

Other Medrano units are expected to surrender shortly.

Brigadier General Albert Ramos, Constabulary chief, arrived in Batangas late this morning to supervise surrender developments. Associated Press and United Press.

KMT LAYING MORE MINES

Taipei, January 3. The Chinese Nationalist Navy is strengthening its blockade of Communist-held ports on the mainland by laying more mines along the coast, the naval authorities here told Reuters.

A spokesman of the naval authorities said that merchant vessels entering these waters will be running a dangerous risk. He reiterated that naval ships scouting the coast outside the mined areas will intercept ships trying to run the blockade in order to avoid unnecessary sacrifices.

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U.S. ECONOMIC, MILITARY AID FOR CHIANG

Taipei, January 3. Well informed sources revealed here today that United States aid will come to the Nationalists in their battle to hold Taiwan from the Chinese Reds if they can retain the island another six weeks.

Economic aid from an unused \$84,000,000 ECA fund will precede military aid, which will mainly centre around the \$75,000,000 military assistance fund voted by the United States Congress.

The same source revealed that both economic and military assistance will be closely supervised by American advisors whose status may not be that of United States Government representatives. They may, instead, be in Taiwan as private individuals invited by the Nationalist Government.

The demands of two Republican leaders for use of force if necessary to defend Taiwan foreshadowed an early U.S. administration showdown on China, adds United Press in a report from Washington.

It was believed the stand of former President Herbert Hoover and Senator Robert Taft would put the administration under strong pressure to speed its re-survey of the Far East and come up with some new policy decisions. But the administration was expected to give their views careful consideration.

Other Republican leaders assailed what they term the administration's "do nothingism" in China and the fate of President Truman's whole foreign policy programme may hinge on what he does—or fails to do—in the Far East.

Although the problem of Taiwan is the centre of Congressional debate, the question of recognising the Chinese Red regime is also provoking much comment. Most of the administration critics are against recognition at the present time.

Recognition on agenda at Colombo

Ottawa, January 2. Recognition of Communist China would be one of the issues to be discussed at the conference of Commonwealth Foreign Ministers in Colombo, Ceylon, the Canadian External Affairs Minister, Mr. Lester Pearson, said today.

He said that Canada later would decide "on her own" whether to recognise the Chinese Red regime. The Minister emphasised that Canada would make her independent decision in accord with facts as she saw and interpreted them.

Mr. Pearson left for Ceylon aboard a Royal Canadian Air Force plane today.

The External Affairs Department said that the Ceylon gathering, the Minister would exchange ideas on world problems and affairs.—United Press.

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Crews of Isbrandtsen ships authorised to sign off here

Canton police confiscating HK currency

The police at Canton have begun confiscating all Hong Kong currency found on passengers travelling to and from Hong Kong.

Press messages from the Kwangtung capital yesterday said that even HK\$1 notes and 10 cent notes were confiscated from travellers on Monday.

No receipts were given for the money taken away.

Reminders

Today

11.11 meeting, 50 Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
Executive Council meeting, 2.30 p.m.
European YMCA Free Dancing Classes, 7.30 p.m.
Crown Land Sales, at Peak Shan Land Office, 11 a.m.
Garrison Players' Casting Meeting, at the Club, 7.30 p.m.
Cheong Cheong Club, 7.30 p.m.
Final Dance Practice for the "Lancers" in preparation for St. George's Ball, at the Cheong Cheong Club, 7.30 p.m.
Cheong Cheong Club, 7.30 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, 7.30 p.m.
Kowloon Spotlight Band, at Kowloon, 8 p.m.

Coming Events

Kowloon Rotary Club Luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Y.M. Club of Hong Kong, Luncheon meeting, 7.30 p.m.
HK Women's International Club, Whist Drive for Services, 7.30 p.m.
HK Union Church Ladies Guild meeting, 7 p.m.
HK Society for the Protection of Children, annual general meeting, St. John's Cathedral hall, 5.30 p.m.

FOOD AND FUEL INDEX

The food and fuel index for the week ended December 31, 1938, is as follows:

Index	Value
Food	100.0
Fuel	100.0
Food and Fuel	100.0
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FISH PRICES

Fresh fish average prices (per catty) at the Hong Kong Fish Wholesale Market, Kennedy Road, Saturday, January 4, 1939.

Fish	Price
Yellow Croaker	1.00
Red Sea Bream	1.20
Black Sea Bream	1.10
White Sea Bream	1.00
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Recipients of Honours are complimented

Mr. Lo Man-wai and Mr. Un Ting-fan were complimented before the Urban Council yesterday by the chairman, Dr. J. P. Fahly, for the honours conferred on them by the King in the New Year's Honours list.

Dr. Fahly said Mr. Lo, who received an OBE, has a long and honourable record of public service in this Colony as for long he has been, and still is, a most active and useful member of many Committees, Associations and Boards.

"His colleagues in this Council," Dr. Fahly said, "have first-hand knowledge of his great ability, capacity for work, sincerity and honesty of purpose—qualities all the more admirable in that they are coupled with extreme modesty."

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The American State Department has authorised the crews of two Shanghai-bound American ships to sign off in Hong Kong if they are unwilling to man the ships through the Nationalist blockade.

The two ships, the ss. Flying Arrow and the ss. Brooklyn Heights, of the Hans Isbrandtsen Company of New York, are to leave Hong Kong for Shanghai later this week.

Both ships are loading thousands of tons of industrial chemicals, cotton and petroleum in Hong Kong harbour for Shanghai.

The State Department's action overrides the authority of the two Isbrandtsen Captains to take action against any members of their crews who leave the ship without the Master's consent.

An official of A. P. Patterson and Company, Isbrandtsen agents in Hong Kong, said yesterday afternoon that he had been informed of the State Department's action by telephone, but had not been officially informed.

He added: "I do not see by what authority the State Department can release members of Isbrandtsen's crew without the Captain's consent."

National Maritime Union delegates in the ss. Brooklyn Heights sent a protest cable to their Union's head office in New York yesterday after a general meeting of the crew on board the ship.

The cable stated that the men were dissatisfied with the conditions on board the Brooklyn Heights, and asked what their status would be with the Union if they signed off in Hong Kong.

Lack of insurance

NMNU Steward Department Delegate, Mr. Arthur Baxter, said last night that the crew were especially dissatisfied over the lack of proper life insurance, if any should be injured or killed while working the blockade.

Dates set for hearing of assault case

The dates for the hearing of the case in which five Chinese are charged with assaulting a police constable on a roof in Gough Street were fixed by Mr. A. J. Scholtes at Central yesterday for December 16 and 17.

Mr. J. C. Stewart, appearing for the defendants, applied for bail which the magistrate fixed at \$1,000 each.

Inspector H. B. Dewar for the prosecution said that at 8.30 p.m. on January 1, a police constable was on duty in Queen's Road Central.

The constable, acting on information received, went to the roof of 10 Gough Street. On the roof was a wooden hut out of which 10 men ran out. The constable arrested one of them.

There were opium pipes and lamps in the hut. While the constable was collecting the lamps and pipes, the prosecution said, the five defendants went in and grabbed hold of the constable and refused to let him go.

A party of police later went to the hut and there found the five defendants and the constable. The defendants were arrested.

Gold found in ss. Shengking confiscated

Chung Tse, aged 52, a member of the crew of the ss. Shengking, was found in possession of 130 taels of gold at the Custodian's office on Monday. The gold was valued at HK\$26,495.

He failed to appear before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday. The owner of the gold, Ngai Po-sung, was in Court to claim the gold.

The bail of \$10 was estreated and the gold was confiscated.

Found to have four bars of gold weighing 33 taels when disembarking from the ss. Shengking which arrived from Keelung on Monday, Wong Sin-chow, aged 47, failed to appear in Court yesterday to answer the charge of illegally importing gold.

Mr. Hin-shing Lo confiscated the gold valued at \$6,741 and Wong's bail of \$10 was estreated.

HK NAVAL REINFORCEMENTS

When HMS Kenya arrives here in the next few weeks, the Fifth Cruiser Squadron will consist of three of the most modern Cruisers in the Navy.

The Eighth Destroyer Flotilla will be reinforced shortly by the arrival of HMS Cockade, and HMS Morecambe Bay has already joined the station as an addition to the Fourth Frigate Flotilla.

YMCA DEBATING SOCIETY

There will be a meeting of the YMCA Debating Society in the West Lounge at 8.30 tonight when a series of short debates on impromptu subjects will be held. All persons interested in debating are cordially invited to attend.

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American National Maritime Union delegates leaving the American Consulate in Hong Kong yesterday after discussing status of American seamen who man American freighters to Shanghai. The men represent the Isbrandtsen ship, ss. Brooklyn Heights, which is to leave Hong Kong for Shanghai later this week. Left to right: Bernard Rubin, Deck Delegate; Steve Roschky, Ship's Delegate; Arthur G. Botic, Steward Delegate; Albert Stathan, Engineer Delegate. "China Mail" Photo.

Loan from Consulate

He was further reported to have said that men who did not have sufficient funds for subsistence in Hong Kong and transportation back to the United States could probably arrange a loan from the Consulate.

The unprecedented action of the State Department—that of authorising the crew to sign off without their captain's permission—was explained by members of the crew as a result of the State Department's decision two weeks ago that the Yangtze area was a danger zone.

Though most of the members of the crew are still considering whether or not they will take advantage of the State Department's offer, six members of the crew and at least two officers said yesterday that they would accept the State Department's offer.

Of the 65 other officers and men, most are waiting for a reply to yesterday's cable requesting their Union to clarify the Union status of men who sign off their ships in Hong Kong.

The end of the war was not the end of fighting for the Buffs, however as they then took part in the campaign against the terrorists in the Dutch East Indies. After a short spell in Singapore the battalion left there for Hong Kong at Christmas 1944 and was stationed at Stanley Barracks.

On September 2, 1949, as a consequence of the cutting down of the strength of the infantry, the 2nd Battalion was amalgamated with the 1st Battalion which during the war had served in North Africa, Italy and Greece. The constituted battalion was designated the 1st Buffs and the occasion was marked by the Ceremony of Trooping the Colour at Stanley Barracks on February 11, 1949.

On the reinforcement of the Colony in July the Buffs moved into the New Territories and were stationed first at Tsan Wan and later at Fanling.

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Alleged theft of Gov't rice

Mr. J. C. Stewart, solicitor, yesterday entered the case against four former government employees who are charged with larceny and aiding and abetting larceny in the theft of 130 bags of government rice, which he appeared on behalf of Cheung Lun, cook at the Hui Yick Rice Depot, and Cheung Lun, fuki at the Depot, both charged with aiding and abetting larceny.

The case is being heard by Mr. F. K. Almada at the Kowloon Magistracy.

Mr. Stewart submitted that there was no case to answer for his clients saying that there was no evidence against them. He said that though they were at the scene of the alleged crime, the clients had no guilty knowledge that a crime was being committed.

However, Mr. Stewart said his submission would depend on the submission of Ho Wai-lam, alias William Ho, cargo supervisor of the Department of Supplies and Distribution, Rice Section, who is charged with the theft of the more than \$24,000 worth of rice from government 38B of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company in Jordan Road on September 23 last.

On December 20, Ho Wai-lam, 21-year-old son of Ho Wai-lam, and tally clerk at the Rice Section, who is charged with the same offence as his father, pleaded guilty through his counsel Mr. A. S. C. Comber, just before the prosecution closed its case against them.

Mr. M. A. da Silva is representing Ho Wai-lam, while the prosecution is being conducted by Mr. A. A. Shaw, Assistant Superintendent of Police attached to the Anti-Corruption Branch, assisted by Inspector Hui Hung-cheung. Mr. A. S. Ross is holding a watching brief for the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company.

Hearing was adjourned until next Tuesday.

FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS

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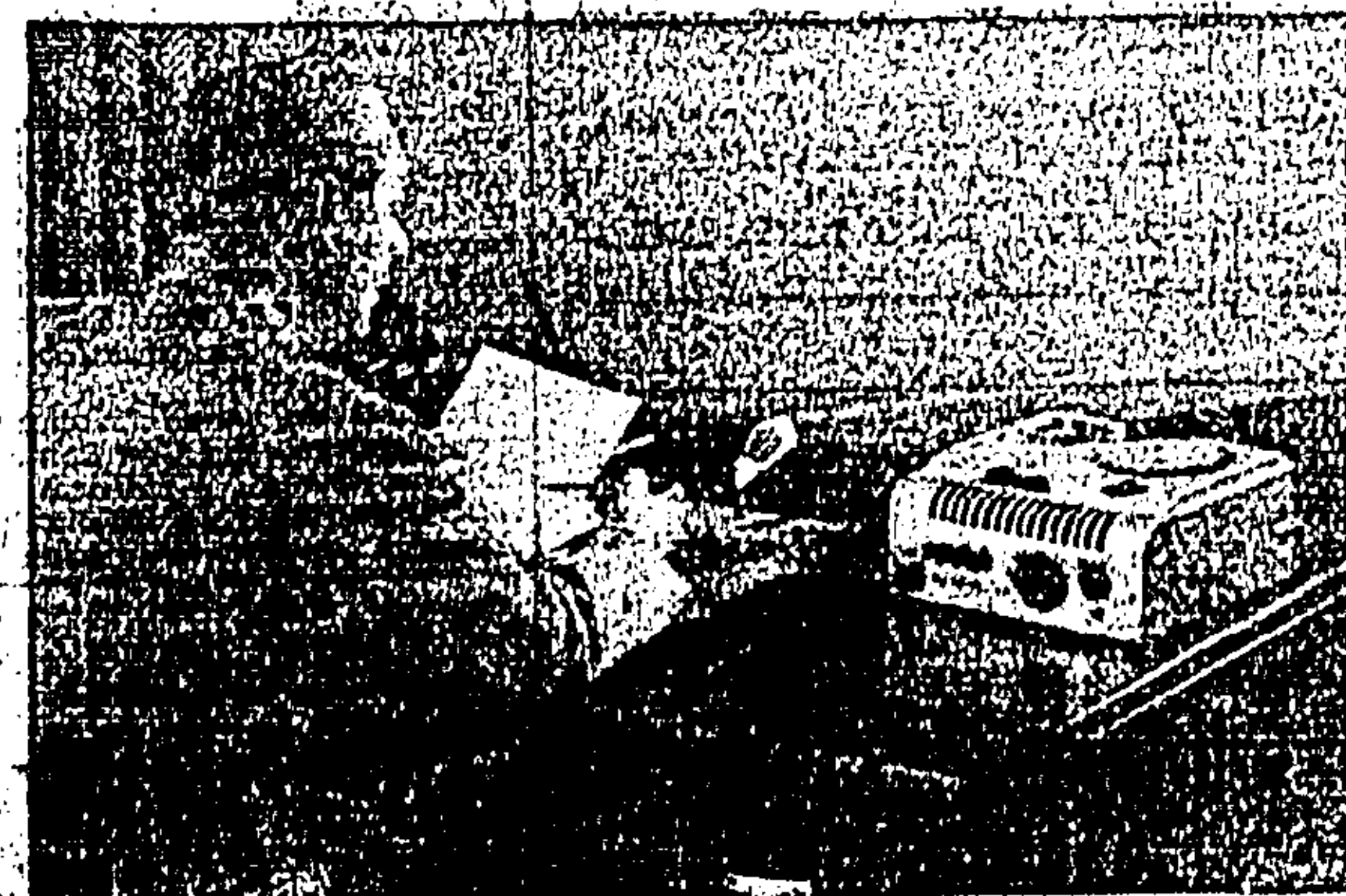
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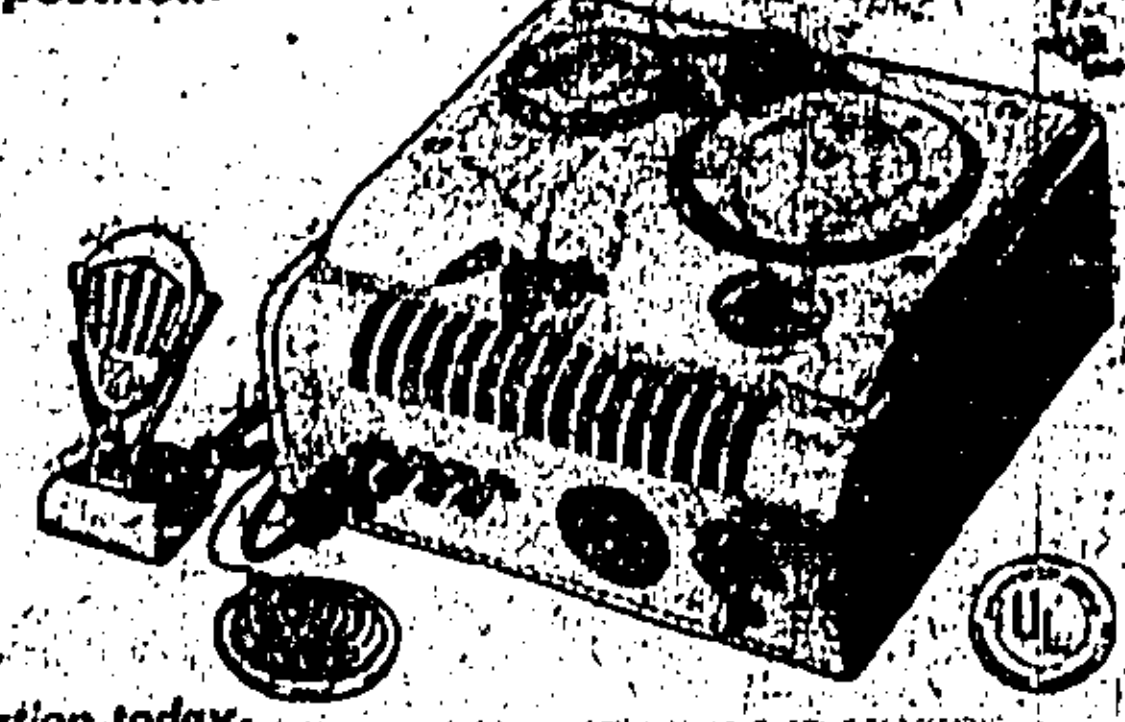
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"One other important decision
made by the council was to rush
American military help to the
French in Indo-China to help
the Communists. Twenty
million dollars worth of military
supplies will start moving to Indo-
China within six weeks. This is
to keep France from sup-
porting Red China's bid for the
important seat on the United
Nations Security Council, which
carries with it the power of
veto."

In his article, which claimed to
reveal what happened at the con-
ference, Pearson said: "President
Truman presided and seemed an-
xious as the military to do
something about the strategic is-
land of Taiwan."

"The Chief of Staff, General
Omar Bradley, and the Under-
Secretary of Defense, Mr. Steve
Earley, pointed out that Gen-
eral MacArthur had urgently
cabled Washington about Tai-
wan and recommended the use
of both United States troops
and naval vessels to block an
advance of the Chinese Reds,"
Pearson added.

"General Bradley read a memo
from General MacArthur suggest-
ing that the United States should
take title to Taiwan and protect
it with the American troops from
Japan. General MacArthur just-
ified this on the ground that the
island had been no Japanese prize
yet, therefore, Taiwan technically
could still be kept in American
hands as part of its occupation
duty towards Japan."

Acheson's statement

"The Secretary of State, Mr.
Dean Acheson, however, argued
that Taiwan was not like Greece,
where the Truman Doctrine had
been successful in suppressing
Communism. He read detailed
reports showing that Taiwan
was a tiny, over-packed island, full
of dissident elements, and that,
while Japan had mistreated the
Taiwanese people for more than
50 years, the Taiwanese hated
the Chinese even more."

"For, when the Chinese re-
occupied Taiwan in 1945, they
instituted a reign of terror worse
than anything ever seen in Ger-
many."

Mr. Acheson said he thought it
would be most unwise to despatch
men into a chaotic situation where
a Trojan Horse revolt at any
time could end the last drop of
Chinese resistance.

"He also opposed sending mil-
itary staff support to China. Mr.
Acheson said Britain would re-
cognise China in about a week,
and that Britain would also sup-
port Red China for a seat on the
United Nations Security Council."

"Once the Chinese secure
United Nations recognition, Mr.
Acheson held, they could bring
the United States before the Coun-
cil on charges of aggression—if
we occupy Taiwan."

"In the end Mr. Acheson won
over both President Truman and
the military," Mr. Pearson said.

Red allegation

The Communist New China
News Agency alleged tonight that
a secret agreement had been
reached between the American
Government and the Chinese Na-
tionalists in Taiwan, adds a Reu-
ter report from San Francisco.

This signified that America had
decided to further aid the Nation-
alists in their resistance to the
Communists and, furthermore, to
turn Taiwan into a strategic base
for "invading China's mainland
and opposing the peoples of Asia,"
it is alleged.

The agency said that the secret
agreement stipulated that Amer-
ica would supply the Nationalists
with 16 naval vessels, arms and
equipment for five divisions,
radar installations and aircraft
spare parts, the remaining loan
of US\$90,000,000 and the appor-
portion of US\$75,000,000 by the
United States Congress for aid to
China generally.

In return the Nationalists
would reform the Government in
Taiwan, install political and
military administrators chosen by
America and the admission of a

Russian
no longer
compulsory

Belgrade, January 2.
The Central Committee of the
Yugoslav Communist Party has
removed Russian from the list
of compulsory high school
studies (and decrees that in
future the Soviet language
would compete on an equal
basis with English, German and
French for student interest).

"The directive was contained in
a resolution on schools and
education, adopted by the Cen-
tral Committee at a two-day
plenary session held on December
29-30. An official summary of
the session, released tonight, said:
"It is incorrect to give priority
to one or another foreign lan-
guage because our country needs
students who know at least one
of the so-called great languages."

The resolution directed that
starting next September, every
school pupils must study
Russian, English, German or
French for eight years. In addi-
tion, a second language must be
taken during the final four years.
Since the liberation, Russian
has been a compulsory subject
for all Yugoslav secondary school
pupils—United Press.

Court
Brevities

Ku Ya-to, aged 25, and six
others appeared before Mr. Hin-
shing Lo at Central yesterday.
They were charged with the al-
leged robbery of two gold bars
from Lui Chai-ngo and HK\$2,200
from Chau Kung-san at 413
Lockhart Road, ground floor while
armed with a firearm on Decem-
ber 31.

Detective Sub Inspector C.
Pope's application for three days
remand for further Police in-
quiries was granted.

Two soldiers and a waiter in-
volved in a restaurant fracas on
New Year's Eve were charged
before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at
Kowloon yesterday and were re-
manded until tomorrow for hear-
ing.

Corporals A. Taylor and M. J.
Byrnes, both of the REME,
Shamshuipo Camp, were charged
with obtaining \$13.40 credit from
Chau Chi-hun by means of fraud,
while Lal Sang, waiter, 61 Nan
Chang Street, was charged with
assaulting Byrnes. Byrnes was
also charged with assaulting Lal
Sang.

A total fine of \$300 was inflicted
on Lau Yuet of the New China
Store at 61, Des Voeux Road
Central on two summonses of
selling goods above the control
price at the Justice of Peace
Court yesterday.

Defendant was fined \$230 for
selling 24 lbs of corned beef,
Wilson Brand, for \$30, the con-
trol price being \$28.

Defendant was additionally
fined another \$250 for selling one
lb of corned beef 30 cents above
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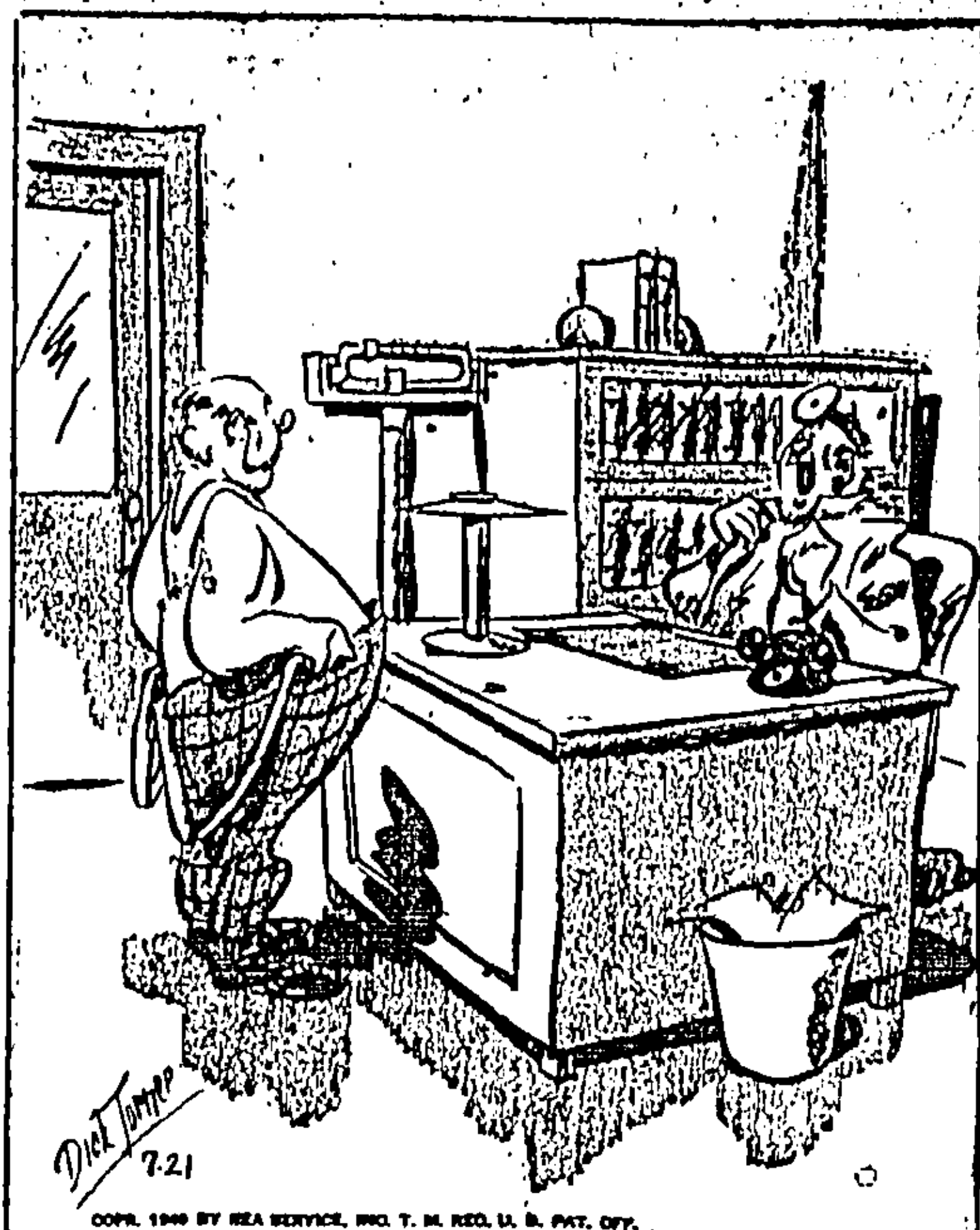
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IT MAY BE profitable to have
things go right along in your
favour, with your opponents mak-
ing occasional mistakes that
smooth your path to success. But
it is not nearly as much fun as
having them put up a real battle
against you. The fine player
gets his greatest kick out of at-
taining good results against the
best kind of opposition. As a
matter of fact, the contest ele-
ment furnishes the only funda-
mental reason for the existence
of such things as games.

S A J 10 9 4
H Q 6 2
D 9 8 7
C 5 3
S K 5
H A 5 4
D K Q J 6 3
C 9 8 7
S Q 8 6 3
H 7 3
D 10 5 2
C K J 10 2

S 7 2
H K J 10 9 8
D A 4
C A Q 6 4

(Dealer: West. East-West vul-
nerable).
West North East South
1 D 1 S Pass 2 H
Pass 2 S Pass 3 C
Pass 3 H Pass 4 H

South saw at once the value
of dummy's spade suit. So, upon
winning the diamond K lead with
the A, he led the spade 7, pre-
pared to try two finesses. West
interfered by coming in with the
K and the A won. The J then
was led and won by the Q. East
scored his diamond 10 and led
the 5, which South ruffed.

Now the declarer tried to clear
trumps quickly, so he could dis-

card losers on the spades. If
West had used his A, the rest
would have been a cinch. But
West let the K go by, also the J,
which was then overtaken by the
Q. South brought forth the spade
10 and discarded the club 4 on it.
West studied and noted that, if
he didn't use his heart A, now
for ruffing. South could discard
another club on the next spade,
so he used the big trump.

West was in more trouble than
ever now, since he had only dia-
monds and clubs left. He knew
that if he led a diamond, South
could ruff it with the dummy's
heart 6 and discard a club on the
trick. So he chose what seemed
the lesser of evils, his club 9.
East played the K, which the A
killed. The club Q won and the
6 was ruffed with the heart 6.
That left South nothing but the
heart J and 10, which took the
last two tricks.

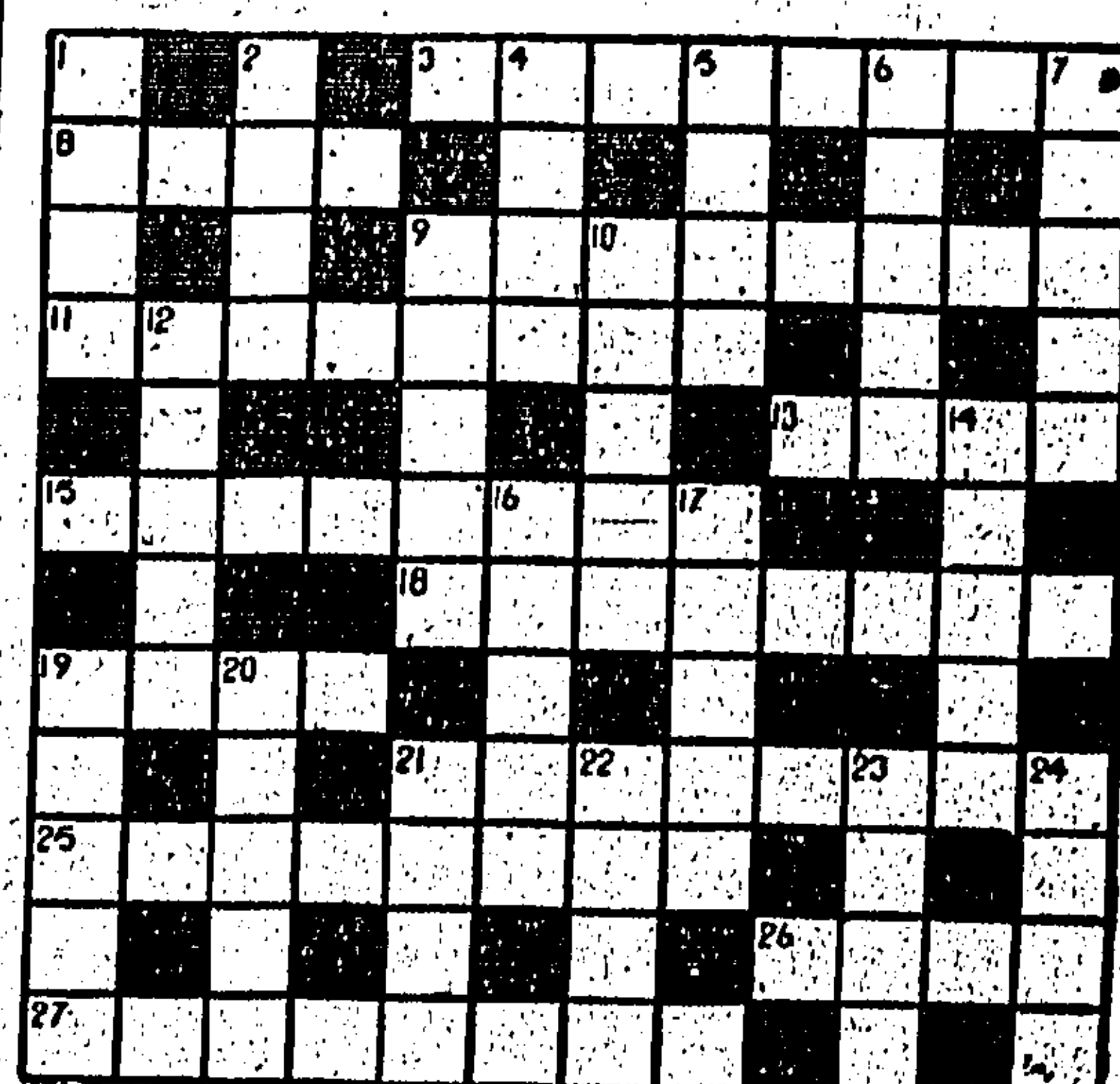
Tomorrow's Problem

S A J 9
H 6 4 2
D K Q 5
C J 10 7 5
S 7 6 5
H A K 10
D 8 3
C 9
S K Q 8
H 2
D 8 7 2
C 8 4
S 10 4 3
H 9
D A J 9
C A K Q 8 3 2

(Dealer: West. North-South
vulnerable).

How should South seek his 5-
clubs against the heart K and A
leads?

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8 Extol.
9 Switchboard
11 Wealthy.
12 Baffle.
15 Low story.

Down

1 Jumping
2 Sudden
4 Tube.
6 Terse.
8 External.
9 Bird.
10 Emissary.
12 Boundary.
14 Part of.
16 Church.
18 Reliable.
19 Ties.
20 Is depressed.
21 Dining-table
22 Utensil.
23 Outlet.
24 Sight-seeing
travel.

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS—1 Fitch, 4 Rolls, 7
Amateurs, 8 Swift, 9 Sphere, 11
Untruth, 13 Tonsure, 15 Silent, 20
Blind, 19 Aperture, 20 Trepid, 21
Glean.

DOWN—1 Flaps, 2 Title, 3
Hautpur, 4 Russel, 5 Latitude, 6
Sketch, 10 Handicap, 12 Nest-egg,
13 Tablet, 14 Unpold, 16 Lathes,
17 Treas.

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10. Gorilla in night club

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SPECULATION ON UK GENERAL ELECTION

EGYPT GOES TO POLLS

Cairo, January 2. Police will stand by from dawn tomorrow to keep order as 5,000,000 Egyptians go to the polls to elect a new and bigger Chamber of Deputies in probably the most crucial election in recent years.

Independent newspapers have been calling for official action to prevent electioneering violence after a bitterly fought campaign in which at least 10 people died in clashes.

The Prime Minister, Hussein Sirry Pasha's "Caretaker" Government increased the number of seats in the Chamber from 200 to 315 before 30-year-old King Farouk dissolved the old House on November 7, 1949.

This was because of Egypt's growing population.

Since the last election in January, 1948, two Prime Ministers have been assassinated—Dr. Ahmed Maher, a month after the elections, and Mahmoud Nokrashy Pasha, Socialist Party leader, subsequently.

Egyptians will have a secret ballot but most of the voters, all men over 21, will have to be shown where to put their cross as they are illiterate. The Government has not granted votes to women in spite of an energetic campaign for equal voting rights for women.

Political observers forecast that the main contestants tomorrow will be the Wafdists and its offshoot, the Saadists, named after Saad Zaghlul Pasha and known as the landlords and big business party.

Political parties in Egypt revolve around personalities. Reactionaries will have a secret ballot but most of the voters, all men over 21, will have to be shown where to put their cross as they are illiterate. The Government has not granted votes to women in spite of an energetic campaign for equal voting rights for women.

London, January 2. The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee today cut short his winter holiday and returned to 10, Downing Street.

He returned amid mounting speculation that he will set the date for the General Election within the next two weeks.

Political observers here say he will announce within the next 10 days when he plans the election, and predict it will be early this year.

Election-date speculation was heightened by the elevation of five Labour members of Parliament to the peerage in the New Year's Honours. This necessitates five by-elections plus another, caused by the resignation of Jack Lawson, M. P. for Chester.

There is considerable speculation that Mr. Attlee may dispose of the by-elections by calling an early General Election. The General Election must be called between now and mid-August.

Informed quarters say that Mr. Attlee's definite decision will be influenced by his conference with the Lord President of the Council, Mr. Herbert Morrison, on Monday or Tuesday.

Mr. Morrison is regarded as the master strategist of the Labour Party.

Keeping Tories guessing

The Government is keeping the Conservatives guessing about the election date, so that the Tories will remain in the dark as to when to spend their campaign funds and obtain maximum results in the General Election.

Most Conservative newspapers agree that the Honours List, published on Sunday, read rather like a tactical dissolution of Parliament, in which Government members of Parliament are "promoted" to the Lords.

As another indication of an early General Election, they point to the Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin's, cancellation of his planned visit to India after the Commonwealth foreign ministers conference at Colombo, Ceylon.

Mr. Bevin was invited to India personally by Mr. Nehru, but cancelled his plans at the last minute. Tories claim he will be rushing back to London so that he can participate in pre-election strategy talks with leaders of the Labour Party, and in

Du Pont family celebrates

Philadelphia, January 2. Four generations, comprising 632 members, of the fabulously rich Du Pont family have just met to celebrate the arrival in America of their French ancestors 150 years ago.

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The host at the anniversary celebration was the fifth Pierre Du Pont, aged 80. Many of the guests—the youngest were babies of one and two—had never seen each other before. Fifteen came from France, 11 from Britain, three from Italy and two from Switzerland.

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Along among Britain's national newspapers, the Labour "Daily Herald" did not speculate on an early election date. The "Herald" pointed out, however, that the by-elections would be regarded as a "General Election in miniature."

Both Mr. Attlee and Mr. Morrison will celebrate their birthdays on Tuesday. Mr. Attlee will be 67, Mr. Morrison 62.—United Press.

Red candidates

London, January 2. The British Communist Party hopes to have 100 candidates in the forthcoming general election, a Party official stated today.

Mr. W. Brooks, National Secretary of the young Communist League, who is to oppose Mr. Winston Churchill at Woodford Essex, said that so far 98 had been listed.—Reuter.

BRITISH STAND ON FRANCO

London, January 2. A Foreign Office spokesman reiterated tonight that Britain's policy of actively supporting United Nations' call for the withdrawal of Ambassadors from Spain is unchanged.

He was commenting on suggestions at a Press conference last week by Senator Tom Connally, Chairman of the United States Senate Foreign Relations Committee, that it would be to the advantage of the United States to send an Ambassador back to Spain.

"There has been a United Nations resolution (in December, 1946) calling for the withdrawal of heads of Missions from Spain and we continue to observe it," the spokesman declared.

He added that the United States has not made any approach to Britain on the matter. Britain is represented in Madrid by Mr. A.M.A. Hankey as Charge d'Affaires.—Reuter.

HIKERS WERE COMMUNISTS

Barcelona, January 2. The police today reported the discovery of a clandestine Communist organisation masquerading under the guise of a hiking club. Members believed responsible for the organisation of the club were arrested.

The police also said a large quantity of Communist propaganda was discovered in the club's headquarters. The organisation had been legally registered as an athletic association under the name of Centre Excursionista. The police said other important Communist cell operations were discovered in the offices of the Banco Hispano-Americano.—United Press.

Winston gets big reception in Madeira

Funchal, January 2. A crowd larger than the New Year's Eve throng turned out last night to welcome the arrival of the British Conservative leader, Winston Churchill, who is in Madeira for a pre-election holiday.

The New Year's illuminations were left on for an extra night to greet Mr. Churchill's arrival in this island community off the coast of Morocco.—United Press.

PERSIAN CONDUCT ATTACKED

Geneva, January 2.

The United Nations Permanent Central Opium Board today severely reprimanded the Government of Persia in its report to the Economic and Social Council, published here.

The Board said that it was constrained to draw the attention of governments and the Economic and Social Council to the attitude and conduct of the Government of Persia, which has not even troubled to reply to communications sent by an international body with which, as a party to the 1931 Convention, it stands in an official relation.

The communications relate to important questions of substance which will have to be further pursued. The statistics supplied by Persia were inaccurate and seldom complete, the report said.

The Board called for effective national and international control of synthetic drugs, many of which were narcotics or habit-forming. Control was complicated by the diverse nature of these drugs' formulae and innumerable trade names.

A Member of the Board told Reuters it was hoped that international control of synthetic drugs would be fairly complete by the end of 1950. Only 25 countries had signed the protocol, which came into force in December, 1949.—Reuter.

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Commonwealth comment No. 2:

N.Z. IS "MORE BRITISH THAN THE BRITISH"

By J. C. Graham

In one part of the Commonwealth at least all is remarkably well in relations with Britain. In New Zealand criticism of Britain has seldom been so nearly non-existent, and the feeling of the people for the Mother Country remains as warm and genuine as it has ever been. Not long ago left-wingers loudly proclaimed that British financiers were the real rulers of the country and drained off much of the country's wealth. With the repayment of much of New Zealand's debt to Britain this criticism has been still.

During the same period many New Zealanders resented what they thought was a patronising attitude by many Britons to a "colony." The decline in Britain's fortunes has erased that feeling too.

Generosity

Britain's post-war trials have served only to increase New Zealand's affection. This has been shown, for one thing, in a great burst of food-parcel packing for Britain.

Almost every family in New Zealand sends gift food parcels to friends or relatives in Britain or helps societies which send bulk shipments as gifts for needy people. Parcel shipments since the war have eclipsed the period when the peak number of New Zealand Servicemen were fighting overseas.

Far from tending to abandon Britain to its fate, New Zealand feels that the only hope for the future is to give stronger support than in the past.

This was shown when New Zealand this year became the only Dominion to introduce peace-time conscription. In the referendum which decided on this step, Government and Opposition combined with the slogan, "It's good enough for Britain, it's good enough for us." The result was an overwhelming verdict for conscription.

Revealing

In trade, the late Labour Government's import control policy served even to enhance New Zealand's opinion of British goods. The import policy gave protection to some local industries which could not have sur-

vived in open competition. The result has been that in these limited quantities of British goods coming on the market are recognised as cheaper and of better quality than the local article.

As a result of import control and the paying off of debt, New Zealand has sold more to Britain since the war than she has bought. Britain remains, nevertheless, by far New Zealand's largest supplier and largest customer.

It is doubtful whether many people in Britain realise just how dependent they are on a little country with under two million inhabitants. Last year New Zealand sent to Britain—Nearly half of all the butter imported into the U.K.

Half of her imported cheese; Two-thirds of her imported mutton and lamb.

Without New Zealand supplies the British ration outlook would be much grimmer.

As a contribution to Britain's recovery New Zealand has been selling these goods at below world parity. She could get higher prices for part of her produce from the United States.

By diverting some food from Britain, together with wool, hides and skins now being sold to America, New Zealand could earn enough dollars for all her needs and import urgently-needed goods which Britain cannot supply.

But there is little support in the Dominion for such a policy. Most New Zealanders hold that assistance in Britain's recovery is the soundest long-term policy for the Dominion's prosperity.

On their own

One point, however, on which New Zealanders are insistent is that they want to be able to market their goods again in Britain under their own brands.

They pride themselves on the very high quality of their goods, attained by careful research through the years and maintained by rigid inspection in meat and dairy factories. They do not like the war-time

system which has survived in Britain under which they cannot use their own brands, and they think that if wholesale distribution is nationalised in Britain the public will have even less choice, and much of the work in producing a high quality article will be lost.

In most other aspects of Britain's post-war policy, however, New Zealand finds little fault. The Dominion strongly favours strengthening the solidarity of the Commonwealth on the basis of foreign policy, and regrets steps that have been taken by some countries towards greater independence, but does not see what alternative attitude Britain could have adopted.

Almost the only Briton who is really unpopular in New Zealand today is the would-be emigrant who leaves Britain without adequate inquiries, expecting to find a new El Dorado, and when his hopes are not realised leaves again after giving the Dominion a very brief trial and loudly proclaiming his disgust with everything in the country.

With reserve

Such people are few in number compared with the many satisfied migrants, and most of them are totally unsuited as settlers in any new country. But their complaints receive much publicity, and they give British immigrants as a whole a bad name.

New Zealanders tend to treat all new arrivals with reserve until they are sure that they do not intend to trail off home again in a few weeks, bitterly blaming everybody but themselves.

In general, however, New Zealand's admiration for Britain is very nearly as high as at its all-time peak during the war. There are no separatist tendencies in New Zealand, which continues to pride itself on being "more British than the British." Moves toward greater independence by other countries serve only to make New Zealand more determined to maintain existing links. The third article in this series will deal with South Africa.

Economic integration: what does it mean?

Economic integration is being urged upon Europe as the solution of its financial problems and as the only means whereby Europe may be freed from its dependence on American dollar aid.

The phrase slips easily from the tongue, but how many Britons stop to think what it really means?

If it means anything, it means the transformation of Europe into one single economic unit.

To achieve that, the separate nation States of Europe would have to agree to abandon all tariff barriers, to use a common money (even though the unit of money were described by different names in different countries), to accept a common code of law covering

is not decisive, and much has yet to be done to give it greater material backing. That will take time. It will also take time for the moderate or National Communists to gather enough power and prestige to strike out on a definite line of their own. If Peking cannot mention Manchuria, even with bated breath, it certainly cannot do anything about it now and risk separation or the loss of its resources.

High policy invariably takes a dual form in such a situation. Strength must be wedded to friendly overtures, lest the offered hand be spurned. Britain employed this to great effect on the Yangtze in the great crisis of the Nationalist Revolution twenty odd years ago, when conciliation succeeded because the Shaoforce stood sentinel behind it. Such a dualism of national policy is impracticable today.

But there is something to be said for the kind of dualism which would be represented by a joint Anglo-American approach. It would be a rather complicated business—but then it generally is even when operated by a single unit. And the proposed scheme in Taiwan would help Hong Kong not to feel quite so exposed and lonely. If it does really feel that way!

the whole of their economic activities.

Beyond this, it means that each country would have to agree to sacrifice some part of its national sovereignty to a supranational European economic authority.

Put in hard practical terms like that, the economic integration of

By the Rt. Hon. William Mabane

Europe begins to appear a pretty tall order.

The problem does not end there. There remains for definition the word "Europe." Is it the whole of Europe, or is it the whole of Germany to be included or only what we know as West Germany? Is Austria to be included? Is Yugoslavia to be included? Is Spain to be included?

All these questions must be answered and, while some are easy, others bristle with difficulties.

Of first moment

Even more difficult and complicated, yet of overwhelming importance, particularly for Britons, is the relationship of possessions and connections of European countries outside Europe. They are, of course, considerable.

First and foremost are the British Dominions and the Colonies, but Belgium, Holland, France and Portugal all have most extensive colonial possessions and responsibilities.

Clearly any plans for the economic integration of Europe must take account of these facts, and the position of territories outside Europe, dependent on or associated with European countries in relation to the general European economy, is a matter of the first moment.

Let us suppose, however, that these problems are solved. What benefit is then expected to flow from an economically integrated Europe?

That, it is argued, is the condition in which Europe is today. In more spacious days, Europe could endure this condition and still make sense.

Now, however, the argument continues, unless Europe increases its productive capacity to the maximum, which would be made possible by widening the economic boundaries, there is no chance whatsoever of making both ends meet if present standards are to be maintained. Three courses therefore are open:

(a) The economic integration of Europe;

(b) A general lowering of European standards of living, or

(c) Permanent dependence on aid from America.

Of these courses (c) is impossible (b) is undesirable, therefore (a) is irresistible.

Sound argument

So runs the argument. It is a sound argument. A self-contained economic unit of 270,000,000 or more souls would be much more nearly self-sufficient than the separate parts into which Europe is now split up.

Yet at the same time it must be recognised that the larger the economic unit the more complex it becomes and the more difficult to maintain in balance.

If economy in production is the purpose of integration, as indeed it is, it might well prove that the textile industry in Italy produced cloth at so low a cost that the West Riding of Yorkshire was virtually put out of business.

Could that be tolerated? Would the social disadvantage of making the West Riding a depressed area outweigh the economic advantage of cheaper cloth?

Hitherto each national unit has been able, by means of tariffs, import quotas, export subsidies and the like, to preserve some sort of balance in its economic structure, and thereby to temper the wind of economic change.

Our number is up

By ERIC BENNETT

This little town of Thaxted, in the North of Essex, has stood there for about 1,000 years, and most of the houses in the centre of it have been up for the last 400 of them.

Not of them were modernised about Queen Anne's time, and here and there is evidence of the influence of some early-nineteenth-century Anconin Bevan.

But, by and large, the houses have been standing in the same places in the same streets since long before the days of James II.

Some of the houses had names, and some had names that were forgotten, and some did not have any names at all. Since everyone knows where everyone else lives (as well as what they are up to) the names of the houses weren't necessary anyway.

Everybody knew

Everyone, including the local postman, knew where old So-and-So lived, or who the new chap was next door to Joe's place. And as a child of five could draw a geometrical plan of the town, and most of the houses are of different shapes and colours, it was easy enough to direct a stranger in these parts.

Until last month. Then, when rustic inhabitants, who had been scratching along in ignorant anonymity for centuries, were showered with forms from the Dunmow Rural District Council. (Yes, that same Dunmow which awards lumps of bacon for marital harmony.)

The forms were headed in forbidding type: NOTICE TO NUMBER HOUSE.

Householders were allotted numbers like sheep at an auction, told to mark their homes with them, and solemnly warned: "If you make default in complying with this notice you will be liable to a penalty not exceeding 40 Shillings, and the said Council will cause the said House at your expense."

Some of the older people were scared at this threat to their unnumbered existence. A local solicitor wrote a protest about the peremptoriness of the demand. And I still think I have been given not only the wrong number but the wrong street.

But regimentation must go on. It would seem that powers have been taken to apply the appropriate sections of the Public Health Act of 1875 and the Towns Improvement Clauses Act of 1847 to this built-up area teeming with some 2,000 souls.

All in place

So some have been busy with the paint-pot, and others have bought these jolly little plastic numbers which are invisible on white paint and are chased in figures off a calendar, and another voice has crooned:

Local government has now put us all in place, ordered and

numbered. But unless they bring in a law to stop us addressing our letters to Old So-and-So, or describing our house as next door to Joe's place, I don't think they are going to change our habits, any more than James II. could change our views when he revoked our borough charter just before we helped William of Orange to revoke his crown.

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Good Morning!

News conflict.
Our reporters state that seamen on the Icelandic ships aren't at all keen to enter the mine-strewn Yangtze, while the other papers say the men are just dying to go. Or is there perhaps a happier way of putting that?

Seems as if editorial writers are at last being taken seriously, even if it did take a tram strike to do it.

"It is now thought that Britain's groundnuts scheme is nearing the end of its initial capital investment. By 1950-51 the rate of investment will be greatly reduced."
They might be raising some groundnuts, by then, too.

Tamed at last.
Major-General William 'Wild Bill' Donovan (retired) is en route to Hong Kong.

A contemporary presents a canned cheese cake picture of three girls who "keep their dancing figures by taking a daily swim under the desert at Las Vegas, Nevada."
What news from Pluto this morning, ducks?

Myrtle's grandfather says that more than one woman wearing a strapless evening gown appears not to have her heart in it.

Mary had a little dress,
Dainty, chic and airy.
It didn't show the dirt at all—
But my, how it showed Mary!

Judging by the latest picture magazine, I should describe a paratrooper as a man who climbs down from trees he never climbed up.

"The pusha is chief of several tribes in Egypt and an important factor in riling the country."
Does it need it?

No wonder a hen gets discouraged. She never finds things where she laid them.

Fashion note: bust line is coming down.
Low and befitful.

"A full charge of shot struck Mr. Jones squarely in the back door of the henhouse."
You mean...?

doctored. But unless they bring in a law to stop us addressing our letters to Old So-and-So, or describing our house as next door to Joe's place, I don't think they are going to change our habits, any more than James II. could change our views when he revoked our borough charter just before we helped William of Orange to revoke his crown.

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DEFENCE OF TAIWAN BACKED BY HOOVER

Full support urged
by ex-president
"WALL AGAINST COMMUNISM"

Washington, January 2.

Mr. Herbert Hoover, former United States President, today urged that the United States should defend Taiwan and raise "a wall against Communism in the Pacific".

He made his recommendation in a letter to Senator William F. Knowland, Republican, leader of a Congressional bloc urging full American support for the Chinese Nationalists to halt Communism in China.

He said he believed strongly that the United States should use her naval power, if necessary, to safeguard Taiwan, the Pescadores islands, between Taiwan and the Chinese mainland, and possibly Hainan Island, off the South China coast.

FEAR OF TRADE WAR

New York, January 2.
Mr. Jackson Martindell, President of the American Institute of Management said today on his return from a survey of Europe, "Through-out all Europe the sense is growing that devaluation of the Pound is the precursor of an international trade war such as the world has never seen before."

"Judging by the London papers, the English grow more careful daily of the pressure of competition from Germany and France and from recipients of Marshall Plan aid in general," Mr. Martindell said.

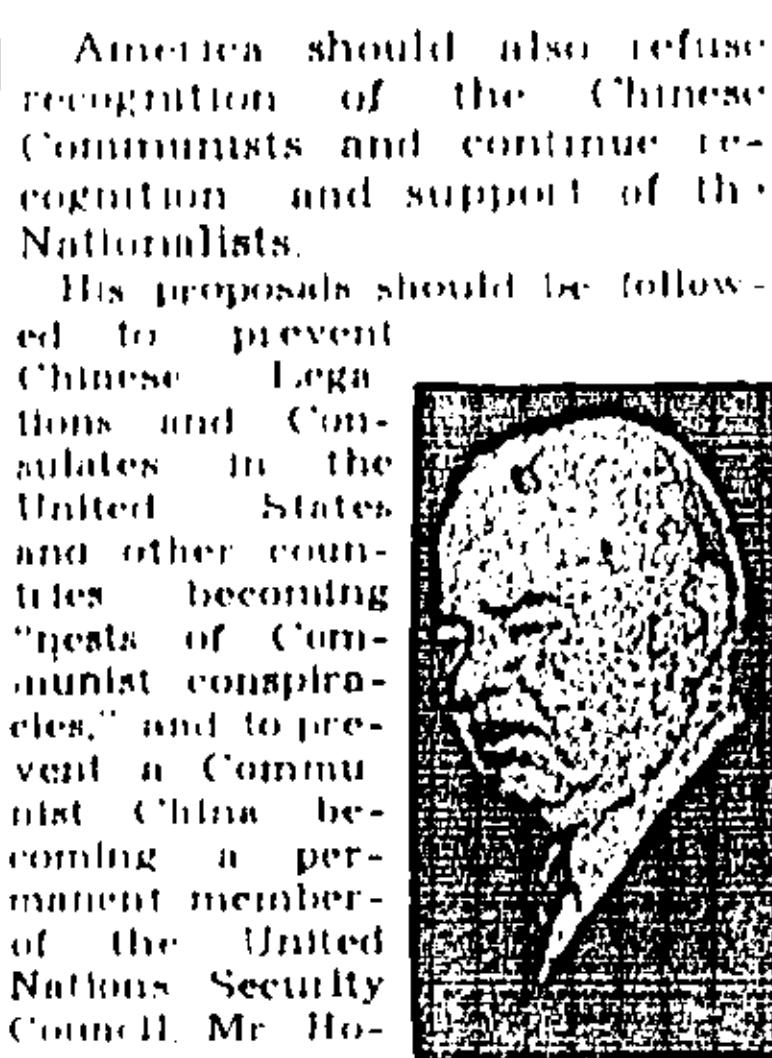
Old and obsolete equipment had been discarded in Germany and sent to Britain in an attempt to increase her productive capacity.

"In place of the machines dismantled and shipped abroad, both Western and Eastern Germany are installing modern equipment far superior technologically to that which Britain has obtained as reparations," he added.

"The superiority of Germany's technique in certain lines of products is already apparent and can be expected to grow as the months go by. Germany, defeated in two major wars, is likely to come out far superior in technology to any country in Europe or Asia," he said.

PRIESTS GOT CHILBLAINS

Vatican City, January 2.
Priests saying Mass in St. Peter's Basilica have got chilblains since the Holy Door was opened on Christmas Eve, so the door was today fitted with glass screens to keep out cold draughts. Thousands of pilgrims pass through the Holy Door each day. Between 20 and 30 motor coaches circulate daily between the four main Basilicas of Rome, carrying pilgrims on their penitential round. —Reuter.



Mr. Hoover's letter was in answer to Senator Knowland's request for his views on the China situation.

Senator Knowland, releasing the letter, told reporters that the State Department had failed to give the press and public all the facts about the Taiwan situation. He said that the Nationalist Government had already made an official request for American military aid and advice in defending Taiwan.

Arms for bases
He said that next month's meeting of the American Joint Chiefs of Staff and General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Commander in Japan, when America's Far East policy is expected to be reviewed, "might result in a post-mortem rather than a consultation to help the patient."

The China and Taiwan situation is urgent now, he said. "The patient is sick and needs oxygen and penicillin," he added.

The latest unconfirmed report amid a flood of rumours and speculation, is one quoting official sources as saying that a proposal had been submitted to Mr. Truman under which America would supply arms to the Chinese Nationalists in Taiwan in exchange for American bases there.

But the most responsible of observers here think that there will be no sudden, dramatic change in American policy on the general China question.

Knowland formula
Efforts to trace the originating source of the proposal failed.

Senator Knowland said that he had not heard of this plan until he read a Press report. He could see no reason why the United States should ask bases in return for aid as the Chinese Nationalists were entitled to military help on the same basis as the North Atlantic Pact countries. The Knowland bill has its own "formula" for Taiwan under which the United States would join Nationalist occupation authorities and forces there. They want Taiwan to be safeguarded for use as part of the line for continental American defence. The important factor overlooked in most speculations about United States action is the cost.

Request for aid
Facing an economic-minded Congress intent on drastic cuts in foreign aid the Administration is unlikely to rush into any plan calling for substantial increases in military expenditure and economic support.

Even the spokesman for a Taiwan joint occupation admit that cost is a factor requiring the closest examination.

Mr. Knowland tonight challenged a statement by the State Department's Press Officer, Mr. Michael McDermott, that no formal request had been made for the United States to send advisers to Taiwan.

Mr. McDermott had said he knew of no such request though there had been approaches from various sources.

Mr. Knowland said that this was an inaccurate statement and claimed an official Nationalist request was made on or about December 23.

Democratic leaders in the Senate declined to make any immediate comment on Mr. Hoover's letter. —Reuter.

British woman missing

London, January 2.
Britain has sent Hungary a note asking for inquiries to be made into the reported disappearance in Hungary of a British woman journalist, Dr. Edith Bone, a Foreign Office spokesman said tonight.

The note was handed to the Hungarian Foreign Office by the British Legation in Budapest on December 22, he said.

The spokesman said it gave details of her disappearance as far as they were known to Britain—that she failed to board a plane at a Budapest airport to return to Britain after visiting Hungary over three months ago. Britain awaits an answer from Hungary. —Reuter.

Taft wants U.S. defence of Taiwan

Washington, January 2.
Senator Robert Taft (Republican, Ohio) said today that the United States should defend Taiwan from any attack by the Chinese Communist armies.

Senator Taft told a Press conference that he favoured "effective aid to prevent the spread of Communism in Asia." He predicted that there would be more opposition in the next session of Congress to many parts of President Truman's "Fair Deal" programme than in the past. The three most important questions in prospect likely to come before the session were tax revision, broadening of social security and civil rights legislation, he said. —Reuter.

BIDAULT'S BUDGET VICTORY

Paris, January 2.

The Premier, Georges Bidault, tonight blasted his way through three final confidence votes to win a five-week-old battle with the National Assembly over the 1950 budget.

The budget bill providing for record high national spending of 2,225,000,000 francs now goes to France's Upper House, the Council of the Republic.

Voting figures were 300-290 in the first vote, 304-291 in the second and 308-284 in the third vote by which the Assembly passed on the budget as a whole.

Immediately after the result of the voting was made known, it was announced that the Cabinet will meet tomorrow morning at 10 a.m.

M. Bidault's confidence-vote success in the final showdown was a major victory for the middle-of-the-road Government leader over a combined attack from the Communists and a large section of Rightists.

Throughout the budget battle, a rebel group of Conservative Radical Socialists, headed by ex-Premier Edouard Daladier, fought long and stubbornly to prevent the Government from imposing any additional taxation.

Although M. Bidault won the National Assembly stage of the budget battle, the fight was still not ended. The Council of the Republic, now on a two-week New Year holiday, probably will not debate the bill until late January. If the Council rejects it by an absolute majority, the Assembly will have to vote by absolute majority of 310 of its 618 members to renege it on the second reading.

In all six Assembly confidence votes on the budget, M. Bidault has never won an absolute majority and it is doubtful whether he can do so on a second reading either. —United Press.

MAIN EVENTS OF LAST YEAR

New York, January 2.
Fourteen leading American newspaper editors and publishers have picked Russia's development of the atom bomb and the Communist triumph in China as two of the main events of 1949. Here are some of the others they gave in a broadcast from New York:

- (1) The "Welfare State" dispute in the United States.
- (2) The struggle between Russia and the Vatican.
- (3) Yugoslavia's break with Russia.
- (4) The Australian and New Zealand elections. —Reuter.

British policy on recognition not affected

London, January 2.

Britain's decision to recognise the Chinese Communist Government has remained unaffected by the recent Press discussion of increased American aid for the Chinese Nationalists in Taiwan, it was learned authoritatively today. British recognition before the end of this week is now forecast in usually well-informed quarters.

No one in London seems quite clear whether the many Press reports from Washington last week-end of greater American support for the Nationalists in Taiwan resulted from an indirect leak or were intended to test opinion. Officials here, meanwhile, continue to insist that they know of no change in the American policy.

Observers here tend to draw the conclusion that, however large or small the American help for the defence of Taiwan may be expected to be, the administrations in London and Washington intend to prevent an appearance of Anglo-American tension.

American aid for the Nationalists will be discreet rather than sensational and will be the natural consequence of continued recognition by Washington of the Chiang Kai-shek Government. It is taken for granted here that there will be no awkward situation such as would result from an extreme move like an American occupation of Taiwan at the moment of the British recognition of the Peking Communist Government.

No tension

The Chinese Nationalists are in any case still in a position to draw very considerable military supplies from the United States under aid already granted.

It is also noted here that the State Department has not denied that unofficially the Administration has been asked to supply advisers for Taiwan.

The impression remains that in the course of this week the British and American policy towards China will diverge as Britain extends recognition to the Communists, but that the divergence will be reluctantly tolerated by both Governments which will each try to minimise any impression of tension. —Reuter.

Colossal American spending

Washington, January 2.
The United States has laid out nearly \$30,000,000,000 in post-war aid to foreign nations, a U.S. Commerce Department report showed today.

This amounts to about \$200 from every man, woman and child in the country. During the third quarter of 1949 alone, the outlay totalled nearly \$1,500,000,000 including \$158,000,000 in recovery aid for defeated people. From the middle of 1949 through last September, the U.S. Government furnished US\$28,187,000,000 including US\$24,802,000,000 in aid furnished directly to foreign countries.

And outlays in the last three months should at least equal the US\$1,448,000,000 per quarter rate of the July-August-September period of 1949, the Department added.

The outflow in that quarter was, however, one-seventh below the previous April-May-June, 1949. Foreign aid spending passed its peak in the middle of 1949.

Further reductions are due for the fiscal year beginning next July 1. President Harry Truman's budget proposals call for a reduction, and some Congressmen have called for additional cutting. —Associated Press.

NATIVES ON THE MARCH

Bloemfontein, January 2.

Dr. J. S. Moroka, recently elected President of the African National Congress (largest national organisation of the South African Bantu) said today that African nationalism had gripped the imagination of the native peoples. No barrier could impede their forward march, he declared.

"There will be peace and harmony when, side by side with Europeans and upon terms of equality, fraternity and liberty, the native contributes his share to the progress of the country," he said.

"I only hope that white South Africa will take stock of its dealings with the natives and resolve to act wisely and with justice in the New Year."

Commenting on Press reports that Mr. C. R. Swart, Union Minister of Justice, is studying the speeches of native leaders at recent conferences of the All-African National Congress and the All-African Convention, Dr. Moroka said that native leaders are in close touch with their people.

"Anybody who wishfully thinks that they do not carry the full confidence of those who have chosen them is stone deaf to the voice of Providence," he said.

He asked the Minister of Justice, "Would he, on behalf of his people, accept what he expects me to accept for my people?" It was the ardent wish of natives to live in peace and harmony with the white section of the population, "but in this venture we will not play the role of the inferior," Dr. Moroka declared. —Reuter.

LIGHT QUAKE IN MANILA

Manila, January 3.

A light earthquake shook Manila for two minutes, beginning at 10.54 a.m. today and caused some jittery persons to flee from downtown buildings but apparently caused no damage.

The Weather Bureau said the tremor was of intensity Four and was the sixth in a series of after-shocks of last Thursday's earthquake which killed 10 on Luzon Island, opened cracks in the earth in some places and caused minor damage.

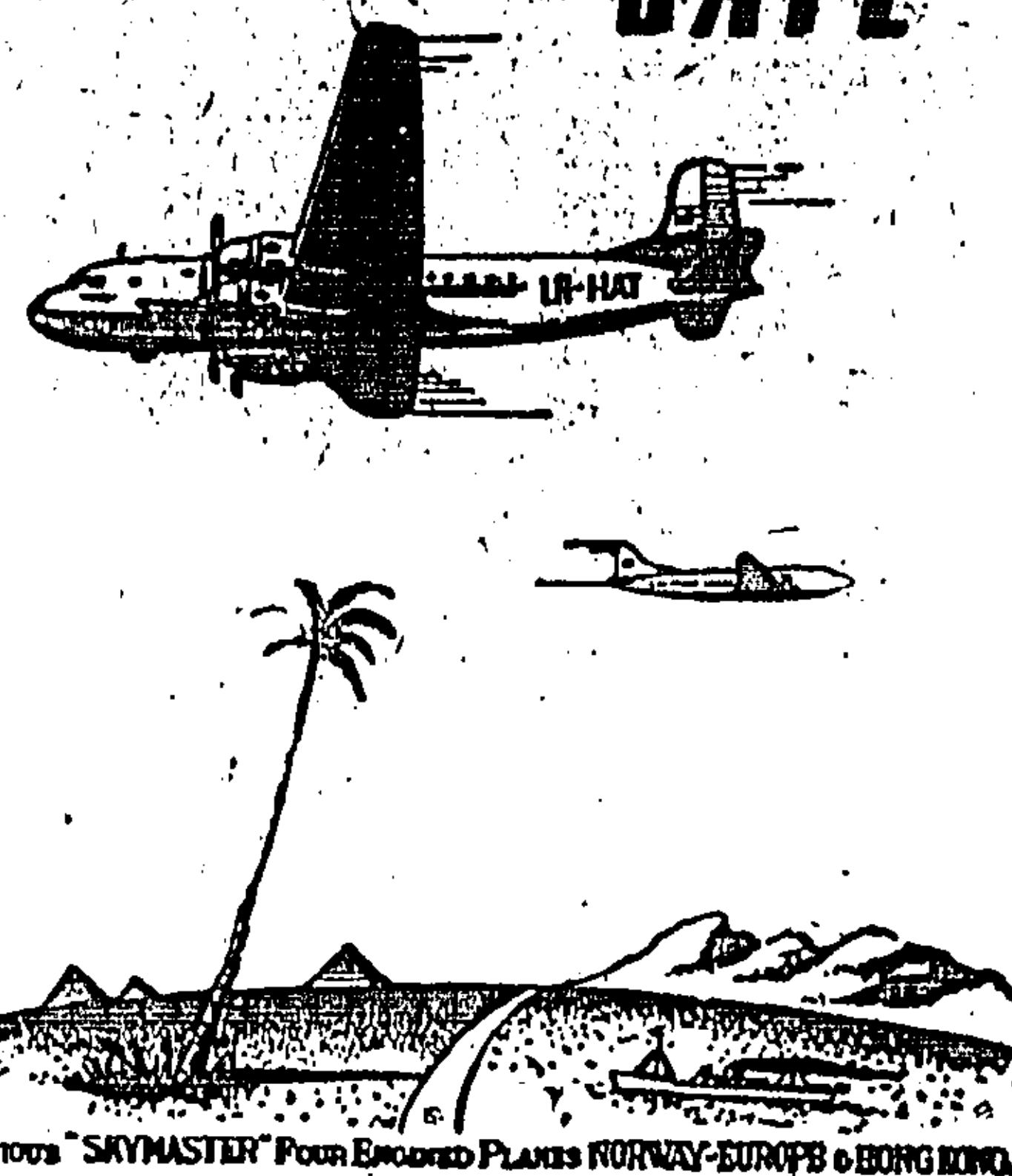
A slight earthquake jarred North Central Utah, in America, today. No damage or injuries were reported.

It lasted about 30 seconds. The tremor was felt in Ogden and Logan. —United Press.

Tel Aviv, January 2.

A military spokesman said today that the Israeli Navy is patrolling all the waters around Israel, including the Mediterranean Sea, the Lake of Tiberias and the Gulf of Akaba. —United Press.

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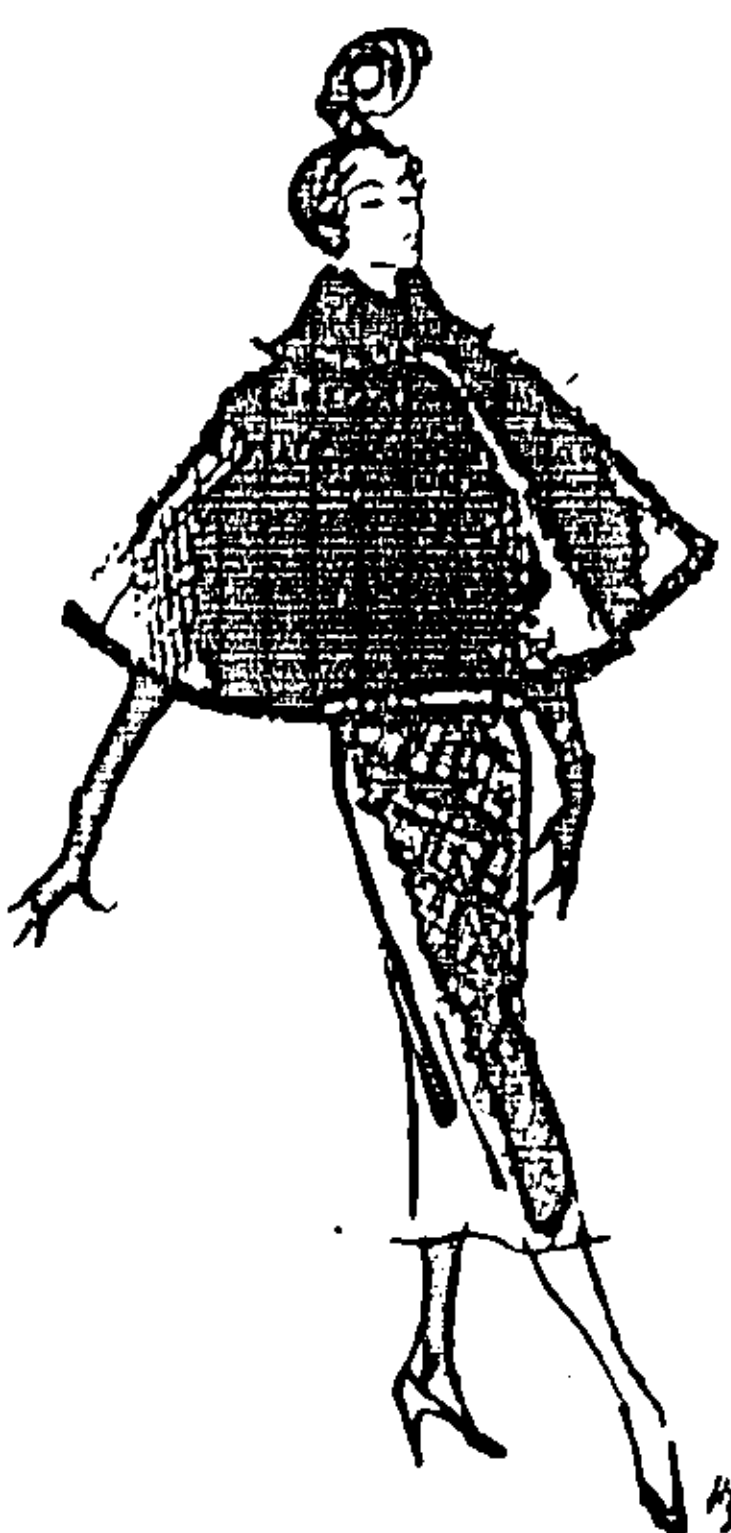
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Woman Today

Wearing the rough with the smooth

By MARY DELANE

Capes, smooth and hairy fabrics used together, cornflower-blue with black, and the "shutter" neckline on frocks of all types, for all occasions, were special features of the autumn and winter collection shown by Robert Piguet in Paris, and



are proving very popular. All are to be found in the ensemble illustrated here.

The snug black cape of very thick but soft, light-weight and hairy wool was lined with a smooth woolen in the cornflower-blue checked with black, which was also used for the frock. (Continued At Foot Of Next Col.)

Women today are successful in fields of arts

By Lena Chivers

In the arts, hardly less than in professional work, social convention and educational facilities in Britain 100 years ago made it difficult for a girl to develop her natural gifts.

The famous novelist, Marion Evans used a man's name—George Eliot—when she was writing her books—"Silas Marner," "Adam Bede" and "The Mill on the Floss" are the best known of them.

Similarly, when the Bronte sisters sent their manuscripts to the publishers more than 100 years ago, they pretended they were three brothers—Currer, Ellis and Acton Bell.

Today, in writings of all descriptions the names of British women of great achievement are quickly recalled. There is the delicate, elusive writing of Virginia Woolf, who died during World War II; the scholarly, polished poetry of Edith Sitwell, the satire of Rose Macaulay; the sensitive prose of Elizabeth Bowen.

Phyllis Bentley gives us well-constructed, interesting historical novels. Rosamund Lehmann writes both prose and poetry with great distinction. One of the best-selling writers of detective stories is Dorothy Sayers, but she is not limited to this field. Her religious drama based on the life of Jesus Christ, "The Man born to be King," is almost as well known as her thrillers. And many a man writer must envy Miss Daphne du Maurier the enormous sales of her popular novels, such as "Rebecca," "Jamaica Inn" and "Frenchman's Creek," some of which have been filmed.

Great musicians

In music the names of women performers of great merit are numerous: they include the pianists Dame Myra Hess, Irene Schurrer and Harriet Cohen, although there have been few composers, apart from the late Dame Ethel Smyth, whose work was outstanding. But the important point is that all Britain's great training schools, like the Royal Academy of Music, are open equally to men and women.

Such a cape would do duty equally well over several frocks.

The "shutter" neckline
One version of the amusing and most practical neckline of the slim, uncluttered frock is shown in the small sketch. For day wear, it will be seen, this fastens close to the throat with a single button. For cocktail parties or for restaurant dining it can be opened, envelope fashion: two revers open back to the shoulders and the third turns down flat in front.

Of a number of models for formal wear these revers were often shown faced with black velvet, and sometimes embroidered with braid and paillettes. It is a most useful idea, and one of the many indications that Paris designers are acutely aware of the type of clothes needed today for all but the very few.

The snag, of course, which can be avoided with care, is the danger of getting powder marks on the revers.

and the only decisive factor is individual ability.

In the academic world the last stronghold of masculine monopoly capitulated last year when Cambridge University conferred a degree on Queen Elizabeth, the first woman to honour.

Women have been students at both Oxford and Cambridge, but Cambridge had previously not officially recognised their existence and therefore had not admitted them to full membership of the University.

Now in Cambridge and in the other 15 universities of England and Wales, the 7,000 women students enjoy equal status. London University has at present a woman Vice-Chancellor, Professor Lillian Benson. This is a very important appointment, because the Chancellor holds an honorary post, and it is the Vice-Chancellor who, in fact, is the academic head of the University.

When Cambridge University recently created a department of Slavonic Studies, it was a woman, Dr. Elizabeth Hill, who was appointed the first professor. Even more significant than the existence of a few outstanding women, is the fact that women professors, tutors and lecturers, whose names will probably never be known outside university circles, contribute richly to the tasks of Britain's universities.

Meanwhile in her schools more than 125,000 women teachers are at work. The first woman barrister, Helena Normanton, was called to the Bar in 1922. Today there are 24 women barristers and Helena Normanton and one of her colleagues, Rose Heilbrunn, have obtained the high status of King's Counsel—that is to say a barrister appointed on the nomination of the Lord Chancellor as advocate for the Crown.

Miss Heilbrunn, like Helena Normanton, continues to use her maiden name for professional purposes, but in fact she is a busy wife and mother as well as a distinguished barrister.

In local government

On the roll of solicitors there are 164 women. And in the great force of unpaid magistrates who deal with minor offences there are about 3,000 women Justices of the Peace. Among them are the 27 women mayors of towns, and the Lord Mayor of Manchester, Miss Kingsmill Jones, who is the first woman to hold this high office in this great industrial city.

In the ancient City of London, as long as the old traditions and regulations are observed, no woman can become Lord Mayor. But in the County of London, where three-and-a-half million people live, the highest office on the London County Council (that of Chairman) has been held twice by women—Mrs. Low and Lady Nathan.

If you were to come to Britain and visit the art exhibitions, especially the great annual exhibition of the Royal Academy at Burlington House, London, probably you would find it difficult to identify the pictures painted by women artists. But, at least, you could be sure that some of them were by women. Nobody would deny the claims of Dame Laura Knight, of Vanessa Bell or Mrs. Dod-Proc-tor among many others, to be considered very good painters. And in sculpture the work of Doris Goddard is acknowledged to be in the front-rank.

On a visit to Britain probably you would go to that most popular place, Stratford-on-Avon, Warwickshire, the birthplace of Shakespeare. There, beside the river, you would see the great Shakespeare Memorial Theatre, the work of a woman architect, Elizabeth Scott, who is one of nearly 400 women architects in the country.

Invitation to pleasure: your bath

BY "YUKI"

Most of us feel good after having a bath—if only because it gives us a clean conscience. But it is quite easy to have a bath that doesn't give us a clean body.

For instance, a lukewarm bath with soap that won't lather properly is as bad as eating a tasteless, soggy pudding—it is unpleasant and it doesn't benefit us in any way. Which brings us on to one of my pet themes, that to bath properly is an art.

Maybe you've been looking forward to a wonderful party all day, but when you come home from work, worn and irritable, you feel hopelessly depressed about the mere idea of even going out. How can you possibly spark up?

Take a hot bath, and add some eau-de-Cologne in my advice. This gives the bath a sweet, fresh scent, soothing the nerves, and at the same time beautifying the skin. After getting out of the bath, rub down with a few handfuls of dry salt, and you'll feel up to anything. Don't forget, if you always suffer from frayed nerves and are highly strung place some bran in the hot bath you take when going to bed. It's as good as any tonic.

Don't pass over bran as mere fowl's feed. It's more than that, it's a stimulant.

Quite simple

Quite simple, really. Take enough bran to fill a pint-bowl, tie it in a porous bag, and hang it where the hot water can slowly run over it, drawing out its richness. Bran baths are also marvellous for insect bites, but in that case treat the skin with some lotion, such as calamine lotion, immediately afterwards.

To enjoy your bath, you must know yourself, especially your physical weaknesses. For instance, should you take a cold bath first thing in the morning? It's certainly not wise, unless you are in tip-top health. If you can stand the shock of it, you will find it invigorating, even if not so cleansing as warm water.

The ideal morning dip is a warm bath, followed by a cold shower, as the cold water closes the pores and lessens the risk of catching a chill. However, if you know that you are delicate, don't be lavish in your use of cold water; on the other hand, if you have a weak heart, on no account take extremely hot baths.

And for those of you for whom winter spells rheumatism, there's a special bath formula. You put some Epsom salts in the water, this I'm told, helps to draw out the acid impurities responsible for the rheumatism. Pine bath salts, or even common salt, are also good bath-water additions for anyone suffering from rheumatic pains.

Oil massage

Strange as it may seem, water isn't the only liquid in which you may have a bath—and we're not thinking of asses' milk or champagne, but oil. You don't actually fill the bath with oil, but after a warm bath and a vigorous rub-down, you massage plenty of olive oil into your body. This is a wonderful treatment to give yourself before playing any outdoor sport, as it protects your skin and keeps your muscles supple.

Then there is the touchy subject of Turkish baths. There is no doubt that they may prove too severe in some cases. Diet is by far the most effective and safest weight-reducer. Normal, extremely healthy women will find that a Turkish bath is a wonderful cleanser, but the extreme heat is dangerous for those with a weak heart, and for those who are very thin. So before taking the plunge, as it were, into a Turkish bath, it would be a good idea to ask your doctor's advice.

Never regard your daily bath as just being a cleansing medium. It is far more than that. It can soothe and stimulate frayed nerves; help to bring down weight; and it may benefit such painful conditions as rheumatism. Treat it as a trip to Bath: "Step right in and enjoy yourself," which is where we came in.

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COMMUNISTS COVER UP REAL NATURE OF THEIR SYSTEM

PLAN FOR BRITISH COLONIES

London, January 2. The first fruits of the £14,000,000 development scheme in the British colonies, announced by the Colonial Development Corporation, will come during 1950, Lord Trenchard, Chairman of the Corporation, stated today.

The Corporation plans to spend the money on a variety of projects, including the construction of roads, bridges, and public buildings, and the improvement of water supplies and drainage systems.

The Corporation also plans to spend the money on the improvement of the health services in the colonies, and on the training of local officials and staff.

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The Chinese Communists are covering up their totalitarian system under a cloak of high-sounding democratic terminology and professions.

Their arch-pretension is that they represent the people and their party and government are the people's party and the people's government.

Therefore, theirs is the only real democracy. What they say and do and advocate is what the people say and do and advocate.

Anyone opposing them is opposing the people and the people's party and government. They call this present totalitarian system of "democratic dictatorship" the "People's Democratic Dictatorship".

At present one of the chief means of their propaganda is the "People's Daily" newspaper. The "People's Daily" is a daily newspaper published in Peking. It is the only daily newspaper published in Peking.

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Rioting continues in India

Bombay, January 2. The Communist Party's Central Headquarters has received a report from Rewa that four were killed and 20 injured in police firing there. Rewa is in the North, not far from Lucknow and Cawnpore. The Party has called a general strike in Rewa to protest the merger of Rewa with the United Provinces of Vindhya Pradesh, the post-independence union of Princely states. The Indian Government decided to abolish its provincial status because of corruption.

At Madras, on the Bay of Bengal, persons identified by police as Communists threw bombs at two crowded street cars, injuring 12 passengers. In another incident there, a concealed bomb exploded during a scuffle. He was severely injured.—Associated Press.

INDONESIA CLAIM TO GUINEA

Jakarta, January 2. President Soekarno declared tonight that New Guinea must come into the United States of Indonesia before the end of 1950.

This emphatic statement appeared to be the start of a new campaign to wrest the Western part of the island from the Netherlands. The other of the island is administered by Australia under a United Nations trusteeship.

Before the sun sets on New Year 1950, said President Soekarno, "New Guinea must come into the USI." He was repeating the Indonesian claim on Dutch New Guinea before several hundred Muslim leaders in an observance of Muhammad's Birthday, in the Presidential Palace. The Hague agreement providing for the independence of Indonesia left the status of New Guinea to be established at a later date.

President Soekarno called on Muslims and Christians alike to join together to build a strong Indonesia. He said work and self-confidence were necessary to reach the goal the new nation has set for itself.

Earlier, in a New Year's broadcast, President Soekarno said Indonesia's riches await exploitation and the country is open for all who desire to work for development of the country and will respect the measures the country will take for the benefit of the workers.

His speech was greeted by foreign clerics who had feared the new independent government would take over Dutch concerns and forbid foreign investments. The chief exports of Indonesia, which took over sovereignty from the Dutch on December 21, are oil, rubber, tin, lead, coffee, guano and spices.

For the time being the USI will have a dual currency, with both Indonesian guilders and rupias of the former rebel Republic acceptable.—Associated Press.

Want the people to do something which is not in the line of duty but which is politically significant, such as parades, their tactic is to tell them "we hope you will do it."

But "hope" has now come to be understood as an order, because several workers in a factory in Nanking who did not join in a recent parade as they were "hoped" to do were discharged for some other flimsy reasons.—United Press.

British newspaper criticism of U.S. policy on Taiwan

London, January 2. Three of Britain's leading newspapers strongly criticise Washington's China policy today and fear it will strain the Anglo-American partnership.

Their declarations were made at the start of the week in which many observers expect Britain formally to announce recognition of Communist China.

The comment was in connection with reports from Washington, that, far from recognising the Peking regime of Mao Tse-tung, the United States may give some further moral or other aid to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in defending Taiwan.

The "London Times," "Daily Telegraph" and "Manchester Guardian" all warn editorially of possible adverse effects should the United States aid in defending Taiwan while Britain backs the Peking Reds.

"Having washed her hands of China, she (the United States) is now unwashing them. It is the old trouble of trying to unscramble an omelette," said the "Manchester Guardian."

"Britain and the United States would find themselves recognising opposite sides in a suicidal and useless struggle in the China Sea," said the "Times."

The Conservative "Daily Telegraph" described American policy toward China as "vacillating and imprudent," and one which might strain in future British-American relations.

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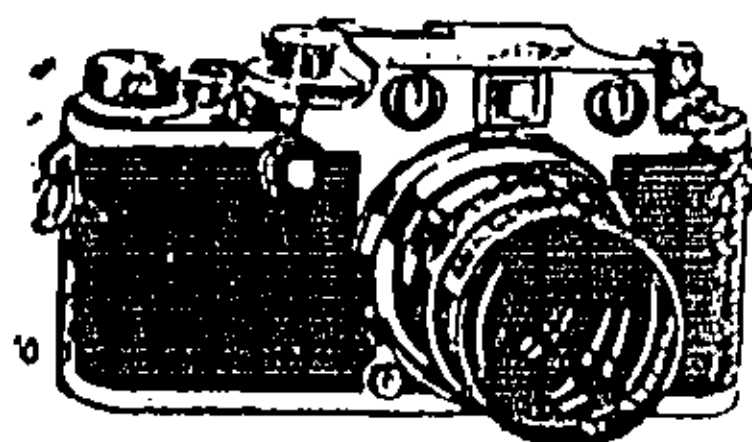


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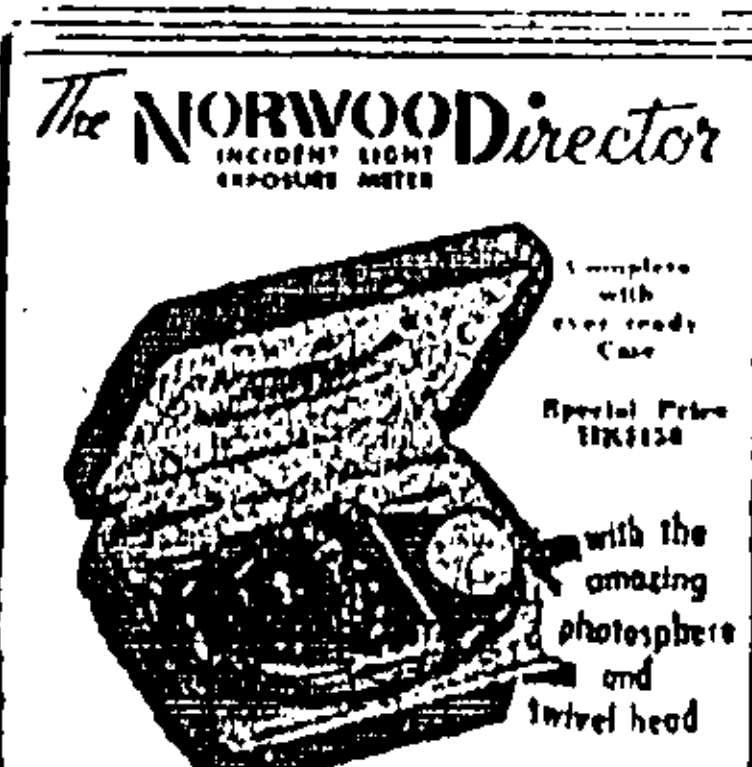


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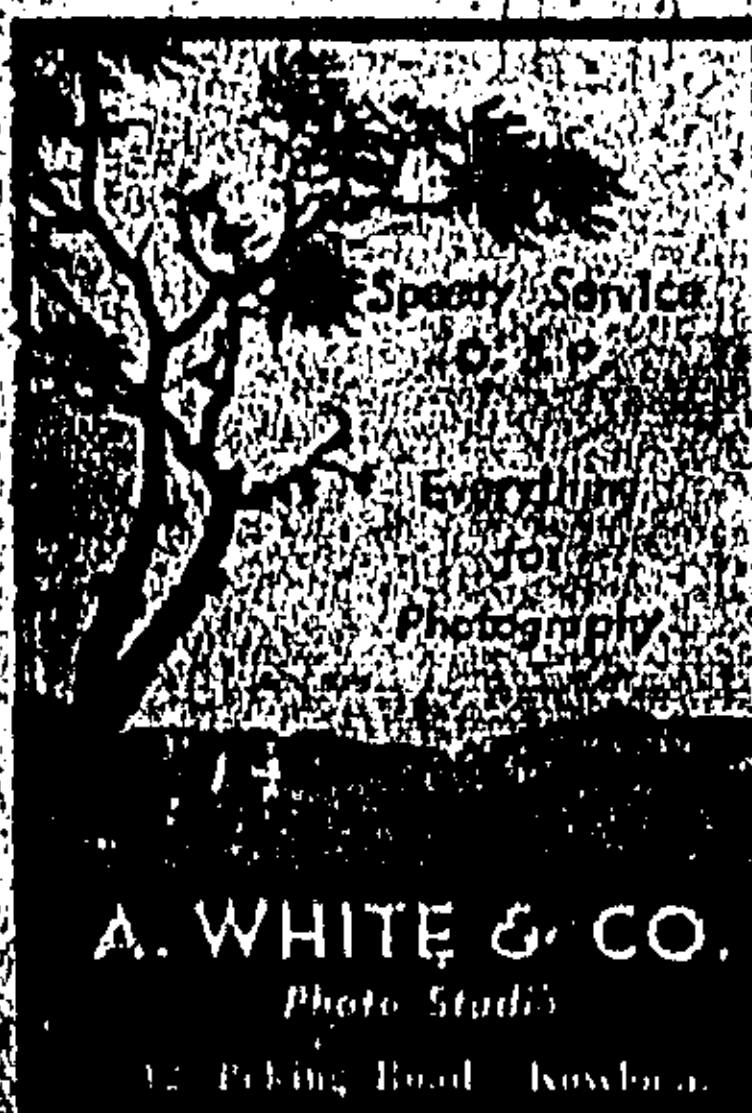
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more care than you would
for a dance and decide upon
your wardrobe the night before
so you won't look "thrown
together." Everything should be
sparkling clean, well pressed, and
darned.

This business of looking as if
you stepped out of the showcase
of a department store goes two
ways, you know. It not only im-
presses your future employer, but
it builds up your own self-confi-
dence so that you'll make a much
bigger hit. You know yourself
that you'd feel uneasy if you had
to hide scuffed-up shoes or try
to manage unruly hair while you
were being questioned.

Now comes the big trial and
you're guided into the inter-
viewer's office. Don't be fright-
ened. At least he can't fire you,
and if you act relaxed and natural
as possible you'll score higher.

Just don't knock yourself
out obviously trying to make
an impression. Answer ques-
tions simply, directly and hon-
estly.

Look the interviewer in the
eye, smile when something is
funny, and speak with a clear,
firm voice.

Keep your hands quietly
folded in your lap or you're likely
to unconsciously start fidgeting
with your gloves or necktie.

You have a span of about fif-
teen minutes, or less, to try to
convince this person that you'd
be an asset to his company, so
avoid any blunders that tend to
make him sceptical of your
ability.

Don't gab too much or you're
likely to annoy him. You don't
have to display your devastating
wit, throw around a lot of big
names, or tell of the places you've
been.

Don't pull any sob stories,
keep your personal problems out
of an interview. Naturally any
general knowledge of the work.

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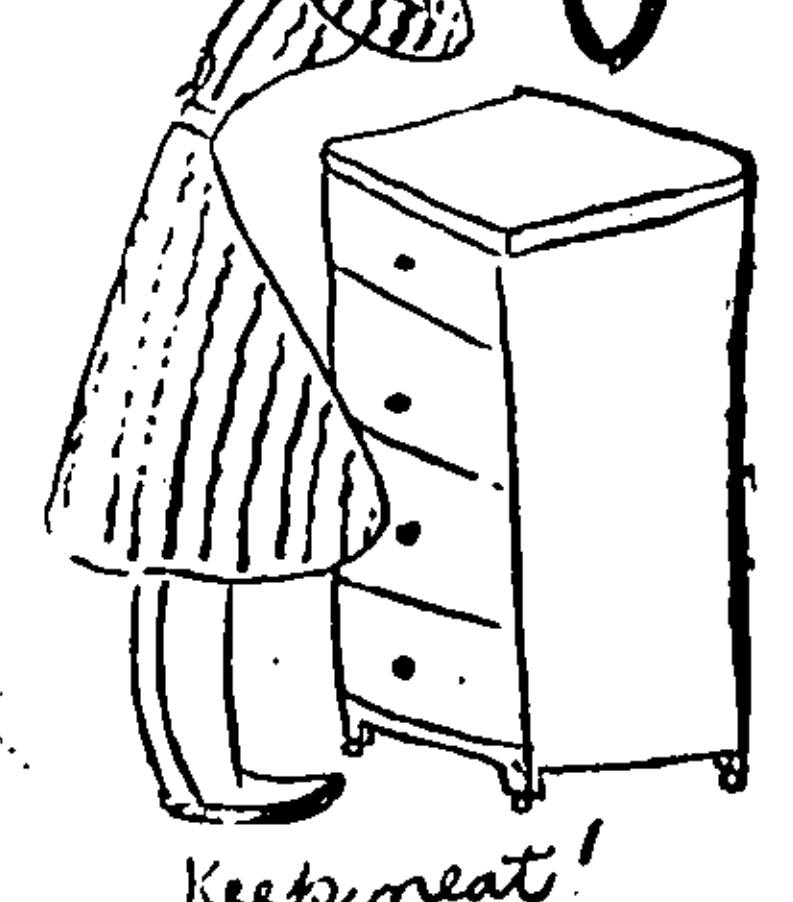
A request has been received by
the Topics from Phyllis Sauls-
berry for boys and girls from 15
to 25 in Hong Kong to write to
her. Phyllis's address is: P. O.
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She promises to reply to all letters.

ings of the company is a social big
plus, but don't act as if you know
everything.

Don't offer any suggestions
for improvement unless he asks
of them. It's much easier to be
the interviewer carry the con-
servational talk while you lose it
back whenever it comes your way.
You're both supposed to be play-
ing on the same team, you know,
and if you keep running inter-
ference and blocking his plays,
that's not so good!

Don't be coy and bashful in ask-
ing about salary, working hours
and vacation arrangements. It's
better to start off with a clear
understanding of the working
conditions, but try not to display
a much interest in any of them.

You might be offered the job
right then and there. If you are,
congratulations! That rarely
happens, and usually the inter-
viewer thanks you for coming in
and says he'll let you know his
decision within a few days. Fre-



quently the busy interviewer for-
gets to call if he's already hired
someone else, so if in a week or
so you haven't heard from him,
drop him a line or telephone, just
to refresh his memory.

Whether you land the job or
not, you've everything to gain
during an interview if you use
your best behaviour. Even though
you may not succeed every time,
you try out for a job, it's a very
wise idea to practice making
and leaving good impressions!

A REQUEST

I have been waiting for a
chance to make this request. I
am a Chinese boy aged 16, and
my name is Ronnie Ho. I have
been very keen on songs for a
long time and have been looking
for words and notes of certain
tunes but had no luck.

Lately I wrote to the Editor of
the "Film News" and she told me
that the Topics may be able to
assist. So, can I have the words
to the following tunes: "Buttons
and Bows," "Jodeline" and "Look
for the Silver Lining" here's
hoping someone will oblige.
Ronnie Ho.

(What about it, song experts?)
—Ed.

Platter chatter

This time last year I reported
the sad state of the record busi-
ness in 1948 which was a direct
result of the recording ban.

As anticipated, immediately on
the lifting of restriction the turn-
smiths flooded the market with
a wealth of excellent ballads
which they had shelved for the
end of prohibition.

In the year just passed, we
had, perhaps, too much of a good
thing. Good songs were pressed
so quickly that the record buyer
found it becoming a very expen-
sive hobby.

It was also natural that in the
avalanche of discs, a number of
fine songs were buried by the
many top hits like:—

So Tired.
Buttons & Bows.
Again.
"A" You're Adorable.
Forever & Ever.
Some Enchanted Evening.
Baby It's Cold Outside.
Roomful of Roses etc.

The list is a very long one and
most buyers had not yet gotten
round to The Hucklebuck, only to

be faced with another procession
of hits just off the press.

Currently, That Lucky Old
Sun, Mule Train, You're Break-
ing My Heart, A Thousand Holi-
day and Slipping Around are on
top of the heap in other countries.
While these are en route to us
we hear of other top tunes which
are also potential hits. Don't
Cry Jose, Dear Hearts & Gentle
People, Why Was I Born and The
Gallop of Comedians.

Then there are the popular re-
vivals with Oh, You Beautiful
Doll, Dardanella and Yes, Yes, Yes
in Your Eyes.

Dance bands

The record companies are again
concentrating their belated atten-
tion to the dance bands of the
Glen Miller and Artie Shaw
styles. For from being consid-
ered dated by the new trends, the
dances have maintained their po-
pularity and on the top list, that
of Eddy Duchin and Eddy Howard
are making a comeback.

The Wren

Secrets of a modeling career

By Candy Jones

Candy Jones, famous Cover Girl,
is director of the Conover
Career Girl School, and is
married to Harry Conover,
agency head.



If I were 10, I'd look towards
modelling not as a full-time or
lifetime career, but as a spring-
board to whatever I might choose
as my ultimate goal. Many of
today's outstanding women in
fashion, movie, the theatre, radio
and entertainment got their first
big break as a result of modelling.

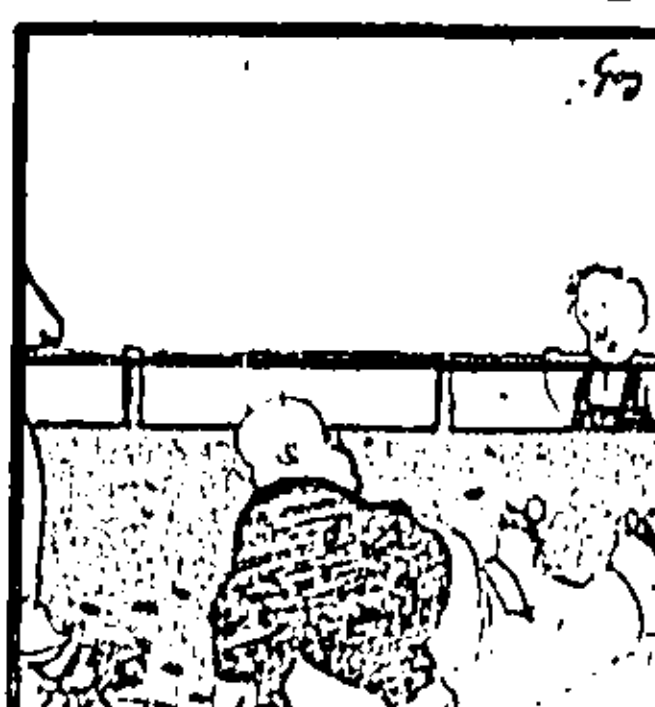
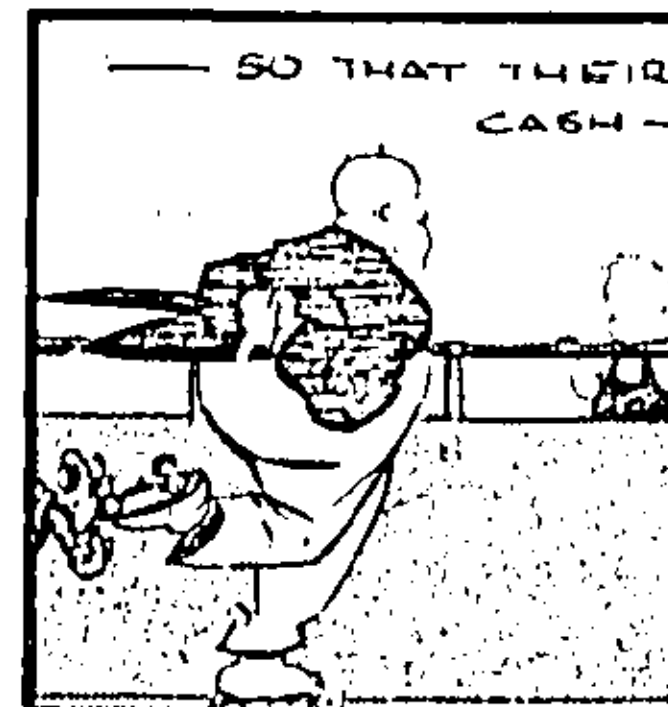
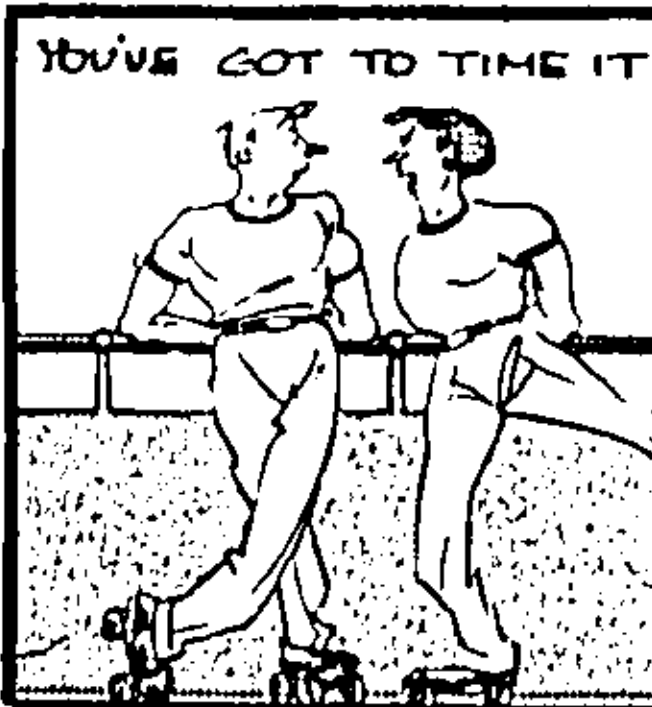
Depending on what my dream
job would be, I'd concentrate on
becoming a photographer's model
whose face appears in fashion
magazines and newspapers, a
mannequin who displays clothes
in department stores and whole-
sale manufacturing houses, or an
artist's model who poses for paint-
ers, sculptors and students.

Then I'd take a thorough per-
sonal inventory of myself. I'd
go to my family doctor for a
physical checkup, even though
I felt perfectly healthy. With
his assurance that I was in tip-
top shape, I'd examine my abil-
ity to make and keep friends,
my self-confidence when called
upon to face unexpected situa-
tions, my enthusiasm (or lack
of it) toward the things that I
do.

Many women's and fashion
magazines employ teen age mod-
els for special back-to-school
issues. Late summer also finds
leading department stores hiring
younger girls for temporary mod-
elling jobs in college departments.
And if you're very lucky, you may
be able to land jobs as a photo-
graphic model for special adver-
tising campaigns, that will keep
you busy on Saturdays and after
school.

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MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



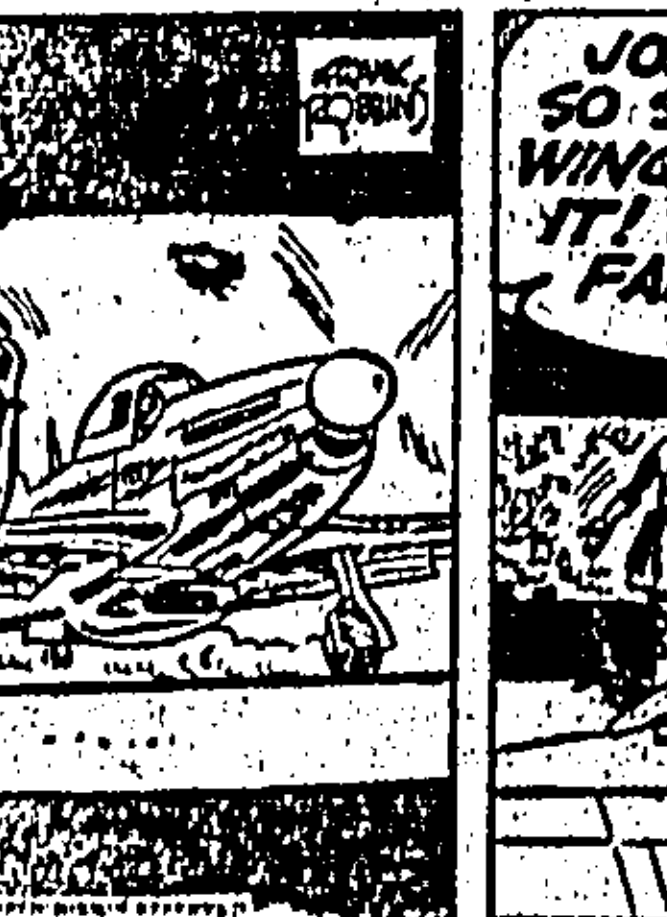
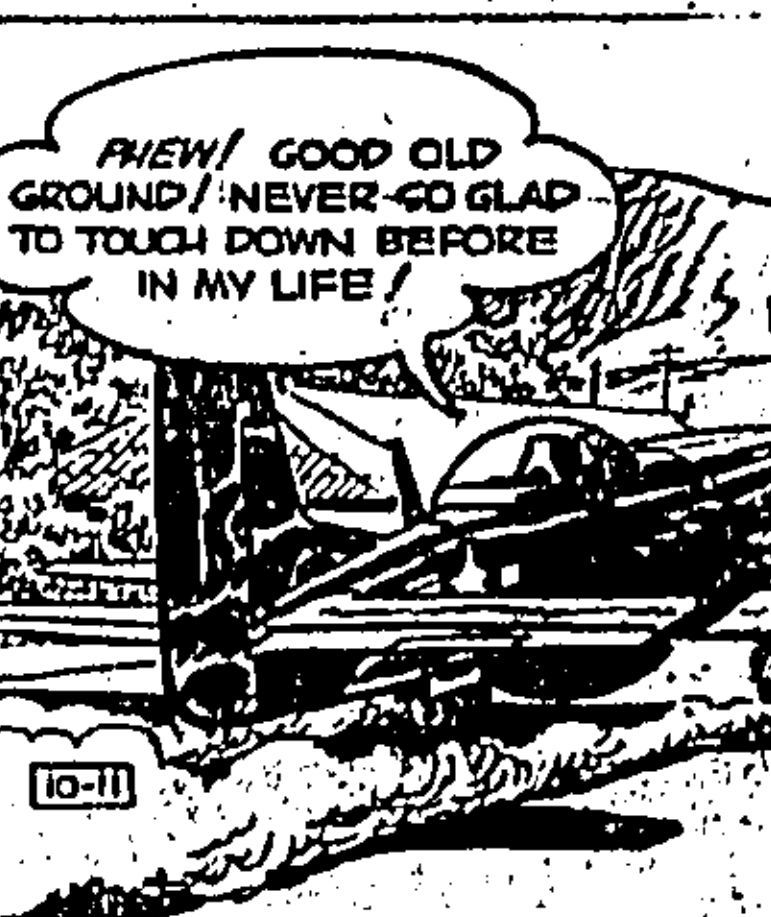
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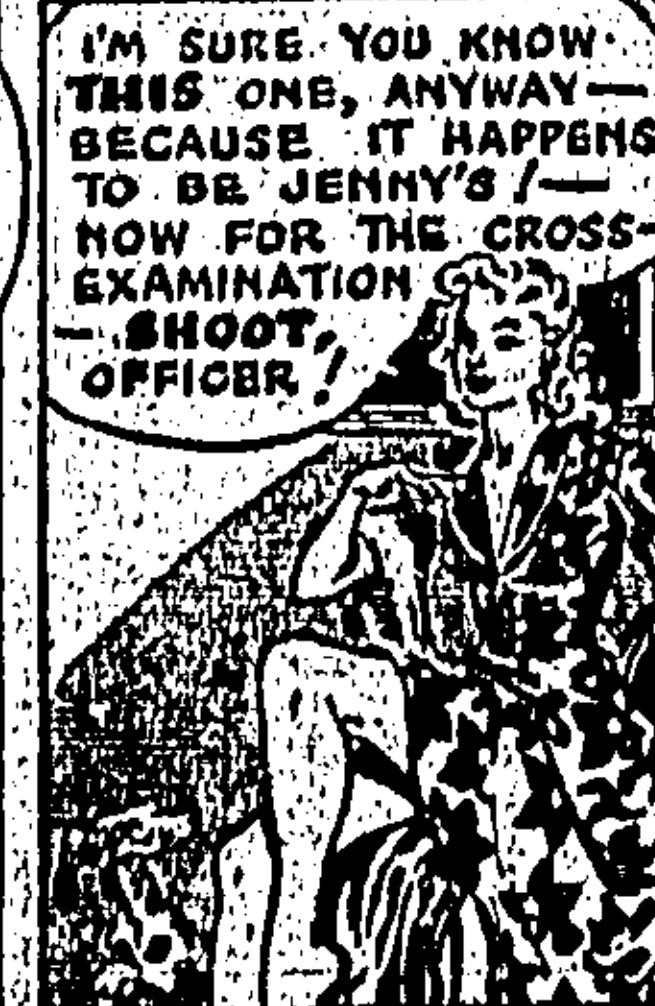


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RUSSIANS TRYING TO SWAY PRESIDENTIAL VOTING IN FINLAND

Helsinki, January 2.

Soviet Russia's note to Finland accusing her moderate Social Democrat Government of harbouring 300 Soviet war criminals is interpreted here as a move to influence the presidential elections on January 15 in favour of the Communists.

Their candidate is Mr. Mauno Pekkala, Prime Minister in the Communist-dominated Coalition Government which ruled Finland until the free general elections in June, 1948.

The Social Democrats together with the Conservatives, Liberals and Swedish People's Party support the re-election of 79-year-old Dr. Juho Paasikivi (Liberal) who has negotiated all Finland's important treaties with Soviet Russia since her independence after the first world war.

In the meantime, the Government has started a nation-wide enquiry into the Russian charges. Most of the "war criminals" are believed here to be refugees from Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. As these countries were incorporated into the Soviet Union in 1940 their subjects are regarded as Soviet citizens by the Russian Government.

President Paasikivi's candidature would be weakened if the Government supporting him were discredited in the eyes of the Finnish people who elect the College of Electors which, in its turn, elects the President.

Two Finnish Communist leaders, Mrs. Heikki Kauppinen, Chairman of the Party's Parliament, and Ville Pesä, Party Secretary, left Moscow two days before the note was handed to Finland's Minister, Cay Sundstrom.

An alarming deterioration

Mrs. Kauppinen said today, "The note is another sign that Finnish-Russian relations have deteriorated in an alarming way."

Informed sources said that the Finnish Government had never heard of some of the 56 "war criminals" wanted by Russia, until the Soviet Union's note demanding their extradition was received here on Sunday. The note of the 56 persons charged by Russia with "committing most serious crimes against the Soviet Union," could not be found. They are believed to have fled the country.

In a note, first handed to the Finnish minister in Moscow, K. Sundstrom, by Minister Andrei Gromyko, Russia accused Finland of violating its peace treaty with the Allies by harbouring more than 300 "war criminals," 56 of whom were "known to the Soviet Union," and named in the communication received here.

These sources emphasised that this was considered an old issue. It had been thought dead. They said that Russia in 1948, had demanded the extradition of some of the same persons, but none could be found.

The Finnish Cabinet is maintaining a cautious official silence and continued its study of the note. The Premier, Karl Fagerholm, and the Foreign Minister, Carl Enckell, who pored over the contents until late on Sunday night, resumed discussions with the Foreign Policy Committee on Monday.

One politician said: "The Soviet Cabinet cannot have a very strong case against Finland in attempting to take up such an old matter."

Political observers believe that the note was a propaganda manoeuvre designed to bolster the Communist Party in this month's

RADIO

Radio Hong Kong broadcasts on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.52 megacycles per second in the 81 metre band.

H.K.T. P.M.

12.15 Morning Prayer (Hindu)

12.30 "Hong Kong Calling" Programme Summary

12.52 "From the Films"

1.00 Afrodis Campbell and His Orchestra

1.15 News, Weather Report and Announcements

1.25 Interlude

1.32 "Time for Music" BBC Midland Light Orchestra conducted by Gilbert Vinter (BBC TS)

2.00 News

2.05 Hong Kong Calling Programme Summary

2.15 Otto Dahlstedt and Piano Symphonies

2.30 Light Orchestra Selections by London Promenade Orchestra and Charles Kullman (Honor)

2.40 Hot Lovers at the Piano Studio

2.50 World News and News analysis (London Relay)

3.15 March Hounds in the March with Kenneth Horne and Richard Murdoch. The Dance Orchestra conducted by Charles Bishopp (BBC TS)

3.45 "Jazzing" Spinning Three Journeys by Peter Fleming No. 2 Excursion to Norway (London Relay)

4.05 "From the Editorials" (London Relay)

4.15 Services: Spotlight Concert by the Band of the King's Own Scottish Borderers (Relay from the Home Dragons Club, Rowland)

4.25 Interlude

4.30 Radio News (Relay from London)

4.35 French (Lafayette)

4.45 Recital: Adolf Busch (Violin and Rudolf Skerka (Piano))

4.55 Songs from Broadway

5.15 Weather Report (World and Home)

5.30 News from Britain (London Relay)

5.45 Good Bye the King (London Relay)

5.55 Close House

Rediffusion

A.M.

5.55 Up With the Sun

6.15 Setting Up for Breakfast

6.30 Musical Clock

6.45 News

6.55 News & Weather Forecast

7.05 Random Rhythms

7.15 Through the Looking Glass—A Programme for Women

7.30 Morning Music

7.40 Comedy & Keyboard

7.50 Music for All

8.00 Airline Melodies

8.10 Parade of Rhythms

P.M.

12.05 H.K. Stock Exchange

12.15 Time

12.30 "Variety Hour"

1.00 Hawaiian Music

1.15 News

1.30 "London Studio Concert"

2.00 Afternoon Musicals

2.30 Slim Brown and His Wonders

2.45 Keyboard Concert

2.55 Vocalists

3.00 Music Makers

3.15 Children's Corner

3.30 Harmony Hall

3.45 Radio Headlines

3.55 The Hot Club

4.05 The Jumpin' Jacks

4.15 Do You Remember?

4.30 B.B.C. News

4.45 Candlelight and Silver

4.55 Romantic Cycles

5.05 The Sweetest Serenaders

5.30 Allon Roth's Symphony of Melody

5.45 B.B.C. News

5.55 Local News

6.05 "Blue Skies"

6.30 "Musical Comedy Theatre"

6.55 Down Harmony Lane

7.05 "Ring up the Curtain"

7.15 "Handstand"

7.45—Standstill

12.55—Close Down

ASIAN CROP

Washington, January 2.

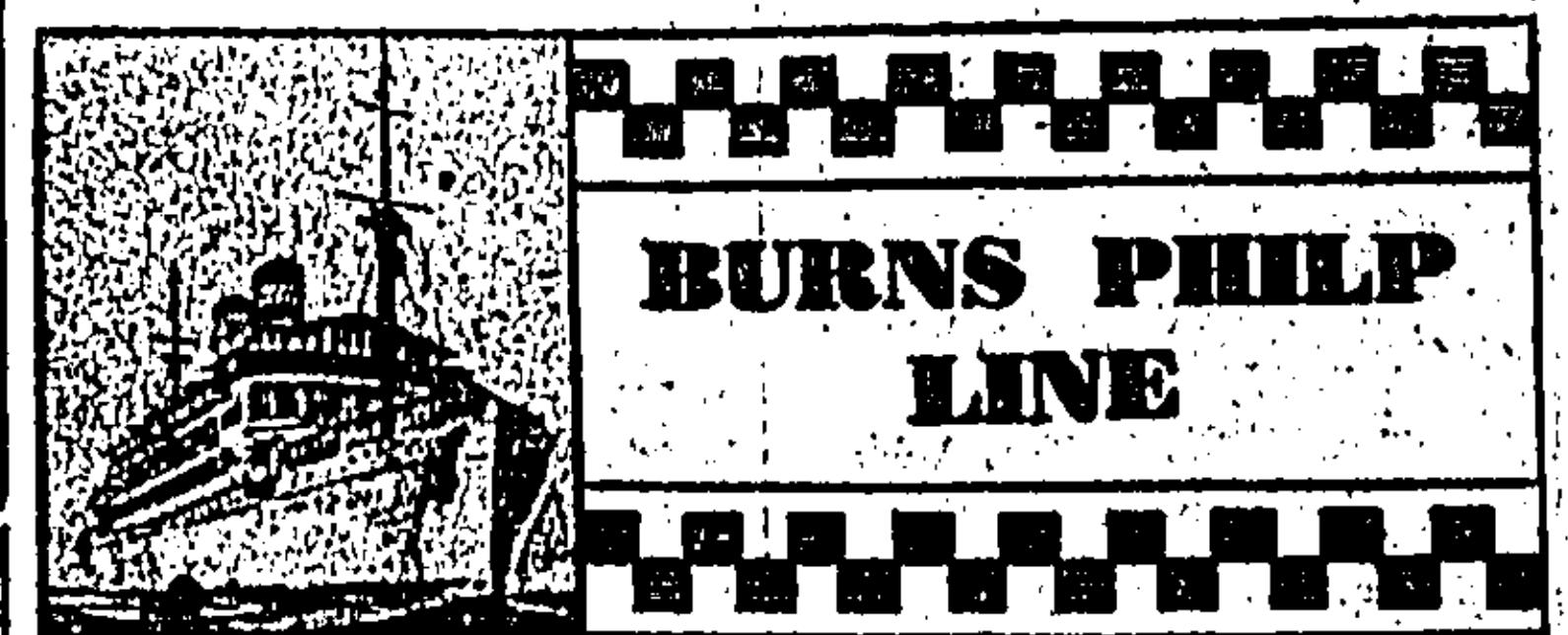
The Asian crop year for the 1949-50 crop year is estimated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture at 595,000,000 bushels, compared with a pre-war average annual figure of 610,000,000.

Lower average yields per acre account for the slight decrease.—Associated Press.

Poor case

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New Year's toll in the Philippines

Manila, January 3.

An unofficial survey shows that at least 18 were killed and 34 injured in Manila and the provinces during the New Year celebrations.

Five of the dead were victims of stray bullets fired by trigger-happy celebrants. A number of the wounded were also hit by stray shots.

Fights and accidents accounted for most of the casualties.—United Press.

possible for the Finnish Government to know which of their (Soviet) citizens living in Finland the Soviet Union considered criminals.—Reuter and United Press.

INDUSTRIAL BANK IN TURKEY

London, January 2.

An industrial bank has been set up in Turkey following the grant of a loan from the International Bank, said by well-informed financial circles to be for \$20,000,000.

Announcing this tonight the Turkish Premier, Mr. Schem Settin Gunaltay, quoted by Ankara Radio, said that the facilities of the new bank would be useful to secure a free flow of private foreign capital and would also create large possibilities for enterprising Turkish citizens.

Mr. Gunaltay was addressing a People's Party Congress in Istanbul.

Among the construction plans mentioned by the Premier were new harbour installations in Istanbul.—Reuter.

"Fate of Jerusalem settled"—Sharett

Jerusalem, January 2.

The Israeli Foreign Minister, Dr. Moshe Sharett, said in Parliament today that he does not believe "we need fear" any serious attempt to carry out the United Nations General Assembly's plan to internationalise Jerusalem.

"The question today is no longer what will be the fate of Jewish Jerusalem," he said. "Its fate has been settled."

The question now is when and how the United Nations and Israel can reach complete identity of views on the Holy City.

"An agreed solution must come. And we shall strive with all our might to achieve it," he added.

"We are firm in our decision to safeguard the status of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel."

Dr. Sharett said that one of the permanent basic principles of "all our plans and actions in the recognition of the special character of Jerusalem as a city containing places holy to other nations."

"This fact imposes special and permanent responsibilities on us," he added.

Dr. Sharett described the stand taken by the various delegations during the United Nations General Assembly meeting, disclaiming that the Soviet representative repeatedly assured Israel

that the Soviet stand on Jerusalem was not to be taken as an example of their general attitude.

"We accepted the explanation that the Soviet could not afford but to support the internationalisation plan in principle, but we hoped that friendship with Israel would bring the Soviet Union to recognise the justice and inevitability of our stand," Dr. Sharett said.

He did not mention negotiations with Jordan, but Opposition Members are likely to raise the question during the debate which follows his speech.

Dr. Sharett also said: "The position of Israel in Jerusalem is firm and is being consolidated and more securely established from day to day."

He spoke of Jerusalem as the "capital of Israel" and said: "Our guarantees to safeguard the holy places and maintain the rights of the Churches remain unchanged."—Reuter.

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SINGAPORE, PENANG and BELAWAN DELI

SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"TITJALENGKA" 5th Jan.	In Port
"VAN HEUTSZ" 12th Jan.	7th Jan.
"TIBADAK" 19th Jan.	12th Jan.

* Calling Singapore only.

EAST & SOUTH AFRICA & SOUTH AMERICA

SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"TIJAMPEK" 25th Jan.	
"RUYS" 23rd Feb.	
"TISADANE" 7th Jan.	

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Transhipment cargo accepted on through B/L to
Dar-Es-Salaam and Zanzibar.

JAPAN

SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"RUYS" 9th Jan.	
"TISADANE" 9th Jan.	

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EUROPE via MANILA and MALAYA

SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"RIDERKERK" 8th Jan.	
"LANGLEESCOT" Early Feb.	20th Jan.

Transhipment cargo accepted on through B/L to
Mediterranean and Northern European ports.

JAPAN

SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"RIDERKERK" 25th Jan.	
"LANGLEESCOT" Early Feb.	

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"AMERICAN REPORTER" Feb. 24	

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"PIONEER BAY" Jan. 22	
"PIONEER DALE" Feb. 8	

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

CUTS IN ERP AID FORECAST IN U.S.

Washington, January 2.

Cuts in Marshall Aid and other dollar economies in foreign spending are expected to be proposed to the United States Congress during its session which opens tomorrow. The first big day of the session will be Wednesday, when President Truman will deliver his State of the Union message in person.

H.K. Stock Exchange

The vent has opened with signs of improvement in market conditions.

H.K. GOVT LOANS
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BRIGHT PICTURE IN MEXICO

Mexico City, January 2.

Mexicans heard today that their country's financial situation is so good that money borrowed to stabilize the peso is being repaid.

The Treasury Department said US\$22,000,000 has been returned to the United States. Another US\$15,000,000 is still owed.

The Government said the new peso rate of 65 to a dollar had enabled Mexico to build up \$80,000,000 since the rate was fixed last June 17. Part of this was returned to the United States.

US\$8,000,000 was paid to British owners of expropriated oil properties and US\$2,000,000 went for revolutionary damages claimed by U.S. citizens.

The Treasury said the partial repayment is proof of the efficacy of the measures taken to protect the peso value at 65.

It also included prohibitions on many foreign goods expensive here and cheapened Mexican exports to foreign markets. This meant that more dollars came in and fewer went out, thus increasing the country's dollar reserves.

Associated Press.

SHIP MOVEMENTS

San Francisco, January 2.

Ship departures: January 1, Surprise for Yokohama, Steel Designer for Manila.—Associated Press.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co's godown where it will be at consignees' risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage and where delivery may be obtained.

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U.S. CAR INDUSTRY PROSPECTS

Detroit, January 2.

The American motor car industry should make some more production records in the six months immediately ahead. That is the conviction of most car makers and industry observers as the factories start their 1950 operations.

Probably the most optimistic of the auto industry's executives is Tom Keating, General Manager of Chevrolet. He says the year ahead should be a good one for American business and particularly successful for Chevrolet.

He expects his company to build 700,000 cars and trucks in the coming four months. It took six months to last year to stimulate buyers' interest.

Chevrolet has a completely new group of models and a torque converter automatic transmission. Styling and engineering details of the new models will be announced within a few days and the cars will go on public display on January 7.

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"General Gordon" Arr. Feb. 3	Sails Feb. 4

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"President Pierce" Arr. Jan. 9	Sails Jan. 10
"President Harrison" Arr. Jan. 20	Sails Jan. 21

TO NEW YORK, BALTIMORE & BOSTON via PACIFIC COAST & PANAMA

"President Tyler" Arr. Jan. 24	Sails Jan. 25
"President Grant" Arr. Jan. 22	Sails Jan. 23

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ARRIVALS FROM

"EPINAL" Europe 25th Jan.
"YANG TSE" Europe 10th Feb.

SAILINGS TO

PASSENGER/FREIGHT SERVICE

"CHAMPOLLION" 18th Feb.
"LA MARSEILLAISE" 25th Feb.

FREIGHT SERVICE

"MORTAIN" N. Africa & Europe 20th Jan.
"LT DE LATOUR" N. Africa & Europe 5th Feb.

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CPA ex-Bombay via Bangkok 8 a.m.
PAA ex-Bombay via Honolulu
Wake, Guam, Manila 1.15 p.m.
CPA ex-Bombay via Bangkok 8 a.m.
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S.S. "LOKANG" Keelung & Japan 8th Jan.
S.S. "CHOYANG" Tientsin & Tientsin 8th Jan.
S.S. "HINANG" Singapore, Penang, Bangkok
& Calcutta 10th Jan.

ARRIVALS FROM

S.S. "HEWANG" Keelung 8th Jan.
S.S. "HINANG" Japan Fusan & Keelung 8th Jan.
S.S. "WINGANG" Keelung 8th Jan.
S.S. "HANGANG" Sandakan 12th Jan.

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TAWAU, LAHAD-DATU & SEPORNA via Sandakan.

AUSTRALIA CHINA LINE LTD.

SAILINGS TO

S.S. "EASTERN GLORY" Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide,
& Fremantle 15th Jan.
S.S. "BALUCHISTAN" Japanese Ports 18th Feb.

ARRIVALS FROM

m.v. "EASTERN SAGA" Melbourne, Adelaide and
Suez 12th Feb.
S.S. "BALUCHISTAN" Fremantle, Melbourne, Sydney
via Saigon 14th Feb.

(Carrier's option to proceed via other ports to load/discharge)

GLEN LINE LTD.

SAILINGS TO U.K. AND CONTINENT VIA SUBZ

m.v. "GLENLYN" Loads 4th/7th January for Straits, Colombo, Aden, Port
Suez, Port Said, Alexandria, Genoa, London, Antwerp,
Rotterdam & Hamburg.
Due London 14th February.

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ARRIVALS FROM U.K. VIA STRAITS

Leaves London due Hong Kong
m.v. "GLENROY" Sailed 9th Jan.
m.v. "GLENORCHY" Sailed 28th Jan.
m.v. "GLENARTNEY" Sailed 28th Feb.
m.v. "GLENBARTNEY" Sailed 28th Feb.
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